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OF
CAPTAIN JAMES COOK.

Totque Maris vastaque exhausta Pericula Terra.

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CHAPTER THE FIFTH.

*The History of Captain Cook's Life during his Second
Voyage round the world continued.*

AFTER Captain Cook, agreeably to his late resolution, had traversed a large extent of ocean without discovering land, he again directed his course to the southward. By the thirtieth of the month, through obstructions and difficulties, which, from their similar nature to those already mentioned, it would be tedious to repeat, he reached to the seventy-first degree of latitude *. Thus far had he gone; but to have proceeded farther would have been the height of folly and madness. It would have been exposing himself, his men, and his ship to the utmost danger, and perhaps to destruction, without the least prospect of advantage. The Captain was of opinion, as indeed were most of the gentlemen on board, that the ice now in sight extended

* The exact latitude at this time was $71^{\circ} 10'$ south; and the longitude $106^{\circ} 54'$ west.

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CHAP. quite to the pole, or might join to some land,
V. to which it might be fixed from the earliest time.
1774. If, however, there be such land, it can afford
no better retreat for birds, or any other animals,
than the ice itself, with which it must be wholly
covered. Though our Commander had not only
the ambition of going farther than any one had
done before, but of proceeding as far as it was
possible for man to go, he was the less dissatisfied
with the interruption he now met with, as it
shortened the dangers and hardships inseparable
from the navigation of the southern polar regions.
In fact, he was impelled by inevitable necessity
to tack, and stand back to the north.

The determination which Captain Cook now
formed was to spend the ensuing winter within
the tropic, if he met with no employment before
he came there. He was well satisfied that no
continent was to be found in this ocean but
what must lie so far to the south as to be
wholly inaccessible on account of ice. If there
existed a continent in the Southern Atlantic
Ocean, he was sensible that he could not explore
it without having the whole summer before him.
Upon a supposition, on the other hand, that
there is no land there, he might undoubtedly
have reached the Cape of Good Hope by April.
In that case, he would have put an end to the
finding of a continent; which was indeed the
first object of the voyage. But this could not
satisfy the extensive and magnanimous mind of
our Commander. He had a good ship, expressly
sent out on discoveries, a healthy crew, and

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was not in want either of stores or of provisions. In such circumstances, to have quitted this Southern Pacific Ocean, would, he thought, have been betraying not only a want of perseverance, but of judgment, in supposing it to have been so well explored, that nothing farther could be done. Although he had proved that there was no continent but what must lie far to the south, there remained, nevertheless, room for very large islands in places wholly unexamined. Many, likewise, of those which had formerly been discovered had been but imperfectly explored, and their situations were as imperfectly known. He was also persuaded, that his continuing some time longer in this sea would be productive of improvements in navigation and geography, as well as in other sciences.

In consequence of these views, it was Captain Cook's intention first to go in search of the land said to have been discovered by Juan Fernandez, in the last century*. If he should fail in finding this land, he proposed to direct his course in quest of Easter Island or Davis's Land, the situation of which was known with so little certainty, that none of the attempts lately made for its discovery had been successful. He next intended to get within the tropic, and then to proceed to the west, touching at, and settling the situations of such islands as he might meet with till he arrived at Otaheite, where it was necessary for him

* In about the latitude of 38°.

CHAP. to stop, to look for the Adventure. It was also
V. in his contemplation to run as far west as the
1774. Tierra Austral del Espiritu Santo, which was
discovered by Quirós, and to which M. de
Bougainville has given the name of the Great
Cyclades. From this land it was the Captain's
plan to steer to the south, and so back to the
east, between the latitudes of fifty and sixty.
In the execution of this plan, it was his purpose,
if possible, to attain the length of Cape Horn in
the ensuing November, when he should have the
best part of the summer before him, to explore
the southern part of the Atlantic Ocean. Great
as was this design, our Commander thought it
capable of being carried into execution; and
when he communicated it to his officers, he had
the satisfaction of finding that it received their
zealous and chearful concurrence. They displayed
the utmost readiness for executing, in the most
effectual manner, every measure he thought pro-
per to adopt. With such good examples to direct
them, the seamen were always obedient and alert;
and on the present occasion, so far were they
from wishing the voyage to be concluded, that
they rejoiced at the prospect of its being prolong-
ed another year, and of soon enjoying the benefits
of a milder climate*.

In pursuing his course to the north, Captain
Cook became well assured that the discovery of
Juan Fernandez, if any such was ever made,

* Cook's Voyages, ubi supra, p. 250—271.

could be nothing more than a small island. At this time, the Captain was attacked by a bilious colic, the violence of which confined him to his bed. The management of the ship, upon this occasion, was left to Mr. Cooper, the first officer, who conducted her entirely to his Commander's satisfaction. It was several days before the most dangerous symptoms of Captain Cook's disorder were removed; during which time, Mr. Patten the surgeon, in attending upon him, manifested not only the skilfulness of a physician, but the tenderness of a nurse. When the Captain began to recover, a favourite dog, belonging to Mr. Forster, fell a sacrifice to his tender stomach. There was no other fresh meat whatever on board, and he could eat not only of the broth which was made of it, but of the flesh itself, when there was nothing else that he was capable of tasting. Thus did he derive nourishment and strength from food which to most people in Europe would have been in the highest degree disgusting, and productive of sickness. The necessity of the case overcame every feeling of dislike.

On the eleventh of March, our navigators came within sight of Easter Island, or Davis's Land*; their transactions at which place were of too little moment to deserve a particular recital. The inhabitants are, in general, a slender race. In colour, features, and language, they bear

* It is situated in the latitude of $27^{\circ} 5' 30''$ south, and the longitude of $109^{\circ} 46' 20''$ west.

CHAP. V. such an affinity to the people of the more western
 1774. isles, that there can be no doubt of their having
 been descended from one common original. It is
 indeed extraordinary that the same nation should
 have spread themselves to so wide an extent, as
 to take in almost a fourth part of the circumfer-
 ence of the globe. With regard to the disposi-
 tion of the natives of Easter Island, it is friendly
 and hospitable; but they are as much addicted
 to stealing as any of their neighbours. The island
 itself hath so little to recommend it, that no na-
 tion need to contend for the honour of its disco-
 very. So sparing has nature been of her favours
 to this spot, that there is in it no safe anchorage,
 no wood for fuel, no fresh water worth taking
 on board. The most remarkable objects in the
 country are some surprizing gigantic statues,
 which were first seen by Roggewein, and of
 which Captain Cook has given a particular de-
 scription*.

It was with pleasure that our Commander quit-
 ted a place which could afford such slender ac-
 commodations to voyagers, and directed his
 course for the Marquesas Islands. He had not
 been long at sea, before he was again attacked
 by his bilious disorder. The attack, however,
 was not so violent as the former one had been.
 He had reason to believe, that the return of his
 disease was owing to his having exposed and
 fatigued himself too much at Easter Island.

* Cook's Voyages, ubi supra, p. 274, 275. 284. 288.
 290. 294 — 296.

On the sixth and seventh of April, our navigators came within sight of four islands, which they knew to be the Marquesas. To one of them, which was a new discovery, Captain Cook gave the name of HOOD'S ISLAND, after that of the young gentleman by whom it was first seen. As soon as the ship was brought to an anchor in Madre de Dios, or Resolution Bay, in the Island of St. Christina, a traffic commenced, in the course of which the natives would frequently keep our goods, without making any return. At last the Captain was obliged to fire a musquet-ball over one man who had several times treated the English in this manner. This produced only a temporary effect. Too many of the Indians having come on board, our Commander, who was going in a boat, to find a convenient place for mooring the ship, said to the officers, "You must look well after these people, or they will certainly carry off something or other." Scarcely had he gotten into the boat, when he was informed that they had stolen an iron stanchion from the opposite gangway, and were carrying it off. Upon this he ordered his men to fire over the canoe till he could get round in the boat, but not to kill any one. Such, however, was the noise made by the natives, that the order was not heard; and the unhappy thief was killed at the first shot. All the Indians having retired with precipitation, in consequence of this unfortunate accident, Captain Cook followed them into the bay, prevailed upon some of them to come

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V. far conciliated their minds, that their fears seemed
1774. to be in a great measure allayed. The death of
their countryman did not cure them of their
thievish disposition; but, at length, it was some-
what restrained by their conviction that no dis-
tance secured them from the reach of our musquets.
Several smaller instances of their talent at steal-
ing, the Captain thought proper to overlook.

The provisions obtained at St. Christina were
yams, plantains, bread-fruit, a few cocoa nuts,
fowls, and small pigs. For a time, the trade was
carried on upon reasonable terms; but the market
was at last ruined by the indiscretion of some
young gentlemen, who gave away in exchange
various articles which the inhabitants had not
seen before, and which captivated their fancy
above nails, or more useful iron tools. One of
the gentlemen had given for a pig a very large
quantity of red feathers, which he had gotten at
Amsterdam. The effect of this was particularly
fatal. It was not possible to support the trade,
in the manner in which it was now begun, even
for a single day. When, therefore, our Com-
mander found that he was not likely to be sup-
plied, on any conditions, with sufficient refresh-
ments, and that the island was neither very
convenient for taking in wood and water, nor
for affording the necessary repairs of the ship,
he determined to proceed immediately to some
other place, where the wants of his people could
be effectually relieved. After having been nine-

teen weeks at sea, and having lived all that time upon salt diet, a change in their food could not avoid being peculiarly desirable: and yet, on their arrival at St. Christina, it could scarcely be asserted that a single man was sick; and there were but a few who had the least complaint of any kind. "This," says Captain Cook, in the narrative of his voyage, "was undoubtedly owing to the many antiscorbutic articles we had on board, and to the great attention of the surgeon, who was remarkably careful to apply them in time *." It may justly be added, that this was likewise owing to the singular care of the Captain himself, and to the exertions of his authority, in enforcing the excellent regulations which his wisdom and humanity had adopted.

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The chief reason for our Commander's touching at the Marquesas Islands, was to fix their situation; that being the only circumstance in which the nautical account of them, given in Mr. Dalrymple's collection, is deficient. It was farther desirable to settle this point, as it would lead to a more accurate knowledge of Mendana's other discoveries. Accordingly, Captain Cook has marked the situation of the Marquesas with his usual correctness †. He has also taken care to

* Cook's Voyages, ubi supra, p. 297—305.

† The Marquesas Islands, four of which were first discovered by Mendana, a Spaniard, are five in number, viz. La Magdalena, St Pedro, La Dominica, Santa Christina, and Hood's Island, which is the northernmost. La Domi-

CHAP. describe the particular cove in Resolution Bay,
 V. in the island of St. Christina, which is most con-
 1774. venient for obtaining wood and water.

It is remarkable, with respect to the inhabitants of the Marquesas Islands, that, collectively taken, they are without exception the finest race of people in this sea. Perhaps they surpass all other nations in symmetry of form, and regularity of features. It is plain, however, from the affinity of their language to that of Otaheite and the Society Isles, that they are of the same origin. Of this affinity the English were fully sensible, though they could not converse with them; but Oedidee was capable of doing it tolerably well †.

From the Marquesas Captain Cook steered for Otaheite, with a view of falling in with some of the islands discovered by former navigators, and especially by the Dutch, the situation of which had not been accurately determined. In the course of the voyage, he passed a number of low islets, connected together by reefs of coral rocks. One of the islands, on which Lieutenant Cooper went ashore, with two boats well armed, was called by the natives Tiookea*. It had been discovered and visited by Captain

nica is the largest of them, being about fifteen or sixteen leagues in circuit. These islands occupy one degree of latitude, and nearly half a degree in longitude. Their latitude is from 9 to 10, and their longitude from 138° 47' to 139° 13' west.

† Cook's Voyages, ubi supra, 306 — 308.

* Tiookea is situated in the latitude of 14° 27' 30'' south, and the longitude of 144° 56' west.

Byron. The inhabitants of Tiookea are of a much darker colour than those of the higher islands, and appeared to be more fierce in their dispositions. This may be owing to their manner of gaining their subsistence, which is chiefly from the sea, and to their being much exposed to the sun and the weather. Our voyagers observed that they were stout, well made men, and that they had marked on their bodies the figure of a fish, which was a good emblem of their profession.

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Besides passing by St. George's Islands, which had been so named by Captain Byron, our Commander made the discovery of four others †. These he called PALLISER'S ISLES, in honour of his particular friend, Sir Hugh Palliser. The inhabitants seemed to be the same sort of people as those of Tiookea, and, like them, were armed with long pikes. Captain Cook could not determine, with any degree of certainty, whether the group of isles he had lately seen were, or were not, any of those that had been discovered by the Dutch navigators. This was owing to the neglect of recording, with sufficient accuracy, the situation of their discoveries. Our Commander hath, in general, observed, with regard to this part of the ocean, that, from the latitude of twenty down to fourteen or twelve, and

† The situation of one of them was in latitude $15^{\circ} 26'$ south, and in longitude $146^{\circ} 20'$ west. Another was in latitude $15^{\circ} 27'$ and longitude $146^{\circ} 3'$.

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from the meridian of a hundred and thirty-eight to a hundred and forty-eight or a hundred and fifty west, it is so strewed with low isles, that a navigator cannot proceed with too much caution.

On the twenty-second of April, Captain Cook reached the Island of Otaheite, and anchored in Matavai Bay. As his chief reason for putting in at this place was to give Mr. Wales an opportunity of ascertaining the error of the watch by the known longitude, and to determine anew her rate of going, the first object was to land the instruments, and to erect tents for the reception of a guard, and such other people as it was necessary to have on shore. Sick there were none; for the refreshments which had been obtained at the Marquesas had removed every complaint of that kind.

From the quantity of provisions, which, contrary to expectation, our Commander now found at Otaheite, he determined to make a longer stay in the island than he had at first intended. Accordingly, he took measures for the repairs of the ship, which the high southern latitudes had rendered indispensably necessary.

During Captain Cook's stay at Otaheite, he maintained a most friendly connexion with the inhabitants; and a continual interchange of visits was preserved between him and Otoo, Towha, and other chiefs of the country. His traffic with them was greatly facilitated by his having fortunately brought with him some red parrot feathers from the Island of Amsterdam. These were

jewels of high value in the eyes of the Otahetians. The Captain's stock in trade was by this time greatly exhausted; so that, if it had not been for the feathers, he would have found it difficult to have supplied the ship with the necessary refreshments.

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Among other entertainments which our Commander and the rest of the English gentlemen met with at Otaheite, one was a grand naval review. The vessels of war consisted of a hundred and sixty large double canoes, well equipped, manned, and armed. They were decorated with flags and streamers; and the chiefs, together with all those who were on the fighting stages, were dressed in their war habits. The whole fleet made a noble appearance; such as our voyagers had never seen before in this sea, or could ever have expected. Besides the vessels of war, there were a hundred and seventy sail of smaller double canoes, which seemed to be designed for transports and victuallers. Upon each of them was a little house; and they were rigged with mast and sail, which was not the case with the war-canoes. Captain Cook guessed that there were no less than seven thousand seven hundred and sixty men in the whole fleet. He was not able to obtain full information concerning the design of this armament.

Notwithstanding the agreeable intercourse that was, in general, maintained between our Commander and the people of Otaheite, circumstances occasionally happened, which called for

- CHAP. peculiar exertions of his prudence and resolution.
V. One of the natives who had attempted to steal a
1774. water-cask from the watering-place, was caught
in the fact, sent on board, and put in irons. In
this situation, he was seen by king Otoo, and
other chiefs. Captain Cook, having made known
to them the crime of their countryman, Otoo
entreated that he might be set at liberty. This
the Captain however refused, alleging, that
since he punished his own people, when they
committed the least offence against Otoo's, it was
but just that this man should also be punished, As
Captain Cook knew that Otoo would not punish
him, he resolved to do it himself. Accordingly,
he directed the criminal to be carried on shore
to the tents, and having himself followed, with
the Chiefs and other Otaheitans, he ordered the
guard out, under arms, and commanded the
man to be tied up to a post, Otoo again soli-
cited the culprit's release, and in this he was
seconded by his sister, but in vain. The Cap-
tain expostulated with him on the conduct of
the man, and of the Indians in general; telling
him, that neither he, nor any of the ship's com-
pany, took the smallest matter of property from
them without first paying for it; enumerating
the articles which the English had given in ex-
change for such and such things; and urging
that it was wrong in them to steal from those
who were their friends. He added, that the
punishing of the guilty person would be the
means of saving the lives of several of Otoo's

people, by deterring them from committing crimes of the like nature, and thus preventing them from the danger of being shot to death, which would certainly happen, at one time or other, if they persisted in their robberies. With these arguments the king appeared to be satisfied, and only desired that the man might not be killed. Captain Cook then directed that the crowd, which was very great, should be kept at a proper distance, and, in the presence of them all, ordered the fellow two dozen of lashes with a cat-of-nine-tails. This punishment the man sustained with great firmness, after which he was set at liberty. When the natives were going away, Towha called them back, and, with much gracefulness of action, addressed them in a speech of nearly half an hour in length, the design of which was to condemn their present conduct, and to recommend a different one for the future. To make a farther impression upon the minds of the inhabitants, our Commander ordered his marines to go through their exercises, and to load and fire in volleys with ball. As they were very quick in their manœuvres, it is more easy to conceive than to describe the amazement which possessed the Indians during the whole time, and especially those of them who had not seen any thing of the kind before.

The judicious will discern, with regard to this narrative, that it throws peculiar light on Captain Cook's character. Nor is it an uncurious circumstance in the history of human society,

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CHAP. that a stranger should thus exercise jurisdiction
V. over the natives of a country, in the presence
1774. of the prince of that country, without his
authority, and even contrary to his solicitations.

Another disagreeable altercation with the inhabitants of Otaheite, arose from the negligence of one of the English centinels on shore. Having either slept or quitted his post, an Indian seized the opportunity of carrying off his musquet. When any extraordinary theft was committed, it immediately excited such an alarm among the natives in general, from their fear of Captain Cook's resentment, that they fled from their habitations, and a stop was put to the traffic for provisions. On the present occasion, the Captain had no small degree of trouble; but, by his prudent conduct, the musquet was recovered, peace restored, and commerce again opened. In the differences which happened with the several people he met with in his voyages, it was a rule with him, never to touch the least article of their property, any farther than to detain their canoes for a while, when it became absolutely necessary. He always chose the most mild and equitable methods of bringing them to reason; and in this he not only succeeded, but frequently put things upon a better footing than if no contention had taken place.

During this visit to Otaheite, fruit and other refreshments were obtained in great plenty. The relief arising from them was the more agreeable and salutary, as the bread of the ship was in a
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bad condition. Though the biscuit had been CHAP.
 aired and picked at New Zealand, it was now in V.
 such a state of decay, that it was necessary for it 1774.
 to undergo another airing and cleaning, in which
 much of it was found wholly rotten, and unfit
 to be eaten. This decay was judged to be owing
 to the ice our navigators had frequently taken in
 when to the southward, which made the hold of
 the vessel cold and damp, and to the great heat
 that succeeded when they came to the north.
 Whatever was the cause, the loss was so consi-
 derable, that the men were put to a scanty
 allowance in this article, with the additional
 mortification of the bread's being bad that could
 be used.

Two goats, that had been given by Captain
 Furneaux to Otoo, in the former part of the
 voyage, seemed to promise fair for answering
 the purposes for which they were left upon the
 island. The ewe, soon after, had two female
 kids, which were now so far grown as to be
 almost ready to propagate. At the same time,
 the old ewe was again with kid. The people
 were very fond of them, and they were in
 excellent condition. From these circumstances,
 Captain Cook entertained a hope that, in a
 course of years, they would multiply so much
 as to be extended over all the isles of the South-
 ern Ocean. The like success did not attend the
 sheep which had been left in the country. These
 speedily died, one excepted, which was said to
 be yet alive. Our navigators also furnished the

CHAP. natives with cats, having given away no less
V. than twenty at Otaheite, besides some which had
1774. been made presents of at Ulietea and Huaheine.

With regard to the number of the inhabitants of Otaheite, our Commander collected, from comparing several facts together, that, including women and children, there could not be less, in the whole island, than two hundred and four thousand. This number, at first sight, exceeded his belief. But when he came to reflect on the vast swarms of people that appeared wherever he went, he was convinced that the estimate was agreeable to truth.

Such was the friendly treatment which our voyagers met with at Otaheite, that one of the gunner's mates was induced to form a plan for remaining in the country. As he knew that he could not execute his scheme with success while the Resolution continued in Matavai Bay, he took the opportunity, when she was ready to quit it, and the sails were set for that purpose, to slip overboard. Being a good swimmer, he had no doubt of getting safe to a canoe, which was at some distance ready to receive him; for his design was concerted with the natives, and had even been encouraged by Otoo. However, he was discovered before he had gotten clear of the ship, and a boat being presently hoisted out, he was taken up, and brought back to the vessel. When our Commander reflected on this man's situation, he did not think him very culpable, or his desire of staying in the island so extraordinary as might

at first view be imagined. He was a native of Ireland, and had sailed in the Dutch service. Captain Cook, on his return from his former voyage, had picked him up at Batavia, and had kept him in his employment ever since. It did not appear that he had either friends or connexions which could bind him to any particular part of the world. All nations being alike to him, where could he be more happy than at Otaheite? Here, in one of the finest climates of the globe, he could enjoy not only the necessaries, but the luxuries of life, in ease and plenty. The Captain seems to think, that if the man had applied to him in time, he might have given his consent to his remaining in the country.

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On the fifteenth of May, Captain Cook anchored in O'Wharre Harbour, in the island of Huaheine. He was immediately visited by his friend Oree, and the same agreeable intercourse subsisted between the Captain and this good old Chief which had formerly taken place. Red feathers were not here in such estimation as they had been at Otaheite; the natives of Huaheine having the good sense to give a preference to the more useful articles of nails and axes. During the stay of our voyagers in the island, some alarms were occasioned by the thievish disposition of several of the inhabitants; but matters subsided without any material consequences. A solemn march, which our Commander made through part of the country, at the head of forty-eight men,

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tended to impress the Indians with a sense of his power and authority. In fact, their attempts at stealing had been too much invited by the indiscretion of some of the English, who unguardedly separated themselves in the woods, for the purpose of killing birds; and who managed their musquets so unskillfully, as to render them less formidable in the eyes of the natives.

I cannot persuade myself to omit a dramatic entertainment, at which several of the gentlemen belonging to the Resolution attended one evening. The piece represented a girl as running away with our navigators from Otahete; and the story was partly founded in truth; for a young woman had taken a passage in the ship, down to Ulitea. She happened to be present at the representation of her own adventures; which had such an effect upon her, that it was with great difficulty that she could be prevailed upon by the English gentlemen to see the play out, or to refrain from tears while it was acting. The piece concluded with the reception which she was supposed to meet with from her friends at her return; and it was a reception that was by no means favourable. As these people, when they see occasion, can add little extempore pieces to their entertainments, it is reasonable to imagine that the representation now described was intended as a satire against the girl, and to discourage others from following her steps. Such is the sense which they entertain of the propriety of female decorum.

During Captain Cook's stay at Huahelne, bread-fruit, cocoa-nuts, and other vegetable productions were procured in abundance, but not a sufficiency of hogs to supply the daily expence of the ship. This was partly owing to a want of proper articles for traffic. The Captain was obliged, therefore, to set the smiths at work, to make different sorts of nails, iron tools, and instruments, in order to enable him to obtain refreshments at the islands he was yet to visit, and to support his credit and influence among the natives.

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When our Commander was ready to sail from Huahelne, Oreo was the last man that went out of the vessel. At parting, Captain Cook told him that they should meet each other no more; at which he wept, and said, "Let your sons come, we will treat them well."

At Ulitea, to which the Captain next directed his course, the events that occurred were nearly similar to those which have already been related. He had always been received by the people of this island in the most hospitable manner, and they were justly entitled to every thing which it was in his power to grant. They expressed the deepest concern at his departure, and were continually importuning him to return. Oreo the Chief, and his wife and daughter, but especially the two latter, scarcely ever ceased weeping. Their grief was so excessive, that it might perhaps be doubted whether it was entirely sincere and unaffected; but our Commander was of opinion

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that it was real. At length, when he was ready to sail, they took a most affectionate leave. Oreo's last request to Captain Cook was that he would return; and when he could not obtain a promise to that effect, he asked the name of his burying-place. To this strange question the Captain answered, without hesitation, that it was Stepney; that being the parish in which he lived when in London. Mr. Forster, to whom the same question was proposed, replied, with greater wisdom and recollection, that no man, who used the sea, could say where he should be buried.

As our Commander could not promise, or even then suppose, that more English ships would be sent to the southern isles, Oedidee, who for so many months had been the faithful companion of our navigators, chose to remain in his native country. But he left them with a regret fully demonstrative of his esteem and affection, nor could any thing have torn him from them, but the fear of never returning. When Oreo pressed so ardently Captain Cook's return, he sometimes gave such answers as left room for hope. At these answers Oedidee would eagerly catch, take him on one side, and ask him over again. The Captain declares, that he had not words to describe the anguish which appeared in this young man's breast, when he went away. "He looked up at the ship, burst into tears, and then sunk down into the canoe." Oedidee was a youth of good parts, and of a docile, gentle, and humane dispo-

sition; but as he was almost wholly ignorant of the religion, government, manners, customs, and traditions of his countrymen, and the neighbouring islands, no material knowledge could have been collected from him, had our Commander brought him away. He would, however, in every respect, have been a better specimen of the nation than Omai.

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When Captain Cook first came to these islands, he had some thoughts of visiting Tupia's famous Belabola. But having obtained a plentiful supply of refreshments, and the route he had in view allowing him no time to spare, he laid this design aside, and directed his course to the west. Thus did he take his leave, as he then thought, for ever, of these happy isles, on which benevolent nature has spread her luxuriant sweets with a lavish hand; and in which the natives, copying the bounty of Providence, are equally liberal; being ready to contribute plentifully and cheerfully to the wants of navigators*.

On the sixth of June, the day after our voyagers left Ulietea, they saw land, which they found to be a low reef island, about four leagues in compass, and of a circular form. This was Howe Island, which had been discovered by

6 June.

* Cook, ubi supra, p. 312 — 378.

From Mr. Wales's observations it appeared, that, during five months, in which the watch had passed through the extremes of heat and cold, it went better in the cold than in the hot climates.

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Captain Wallis *. Nothing remarkable occurred from this day to the sixteenth, when land was again seen. It was another reef island; and being a new discovery, Captain Cook gave it the name of PALMERSTON ISLAND, in honour of Lord Palmerston †. On the twentieth, fresh land appeared, which was perceived to be inhabited. This induced our Commander to go on shore with a party of gentlemen; but the natives were found to be fierce and untractable. All endeavours to bring them to a parley were to no purpose; for they came on with the ferocity of wild boars, and instantly threw their darts. Two or three musquets discharged in the air, did not prevent one of them from advancing still farther, and throwing another dart, or rather a spear, which passed close over Captain Cook's shoulder. The courage of this man had nearly cost him his life. When he threw his spear, he was not five paces from the Captain, who had resolved to shoot him for his own preservation. It happened, however, that his musquet missed fire; a circumstance on which he afterwards reflected with pleasure. When he joined his party, and tried his musquet in the air, it went off perfectly well. This island, from the disposition and behaviour of the natives, with whom no inter-

* Its latitude is $16^{\circ} 46'$ south, and its longitude $154^{\circ} 8'$ west.

† It is situated in latitude $18^{\circ} 4'$ south, and in longitude $163^{\circ} 10'$ west.

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course could be established, and from whom no benefit could be received, was called by our Commander SAVAGE ISLAND *. It is about eleven leagues in circuit; is of a round form, and good height; and has deep waters close to its shores. Among its other disadvantages, it is not furnished with a harbour.

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In pursuing his course to the west-south-west, Captain Cook passed by a number of small islands, and, on the twenty-sixth, anchored on the north side of Anamocka, or Rotterdam. A traffic immediately commenced with the natives, who brought what provisions they had, being chiefly yams and shaddocks, which they exchanged for nails, beads, and other small articles. Here, as in many former cases, the Captain was put to some trouble on account of the thievish disposition of the inhabitants. As they had gotten possession of an adze and two musquets, he found it necessary to exert himself with peculiar vigour, in order to oblige them to make restitution. For this purpose he commanded all the marines to be armed, and sent on shore, and the result of this measure was, that the things which had been stolen were restored. In the contest, Captain Cook was under a necessity of firing some small shot at a native who had distinguished himself by his resistance. His countrymen afterwards reported that he was dead; but he was only

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* Its situation is in latitude $19^{\circ} 1'$ south, and in longitude $169^{\circ} 37'$ west.

CHAP. wounded, and that not in a dangerous manner.
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 1774. misbehaviour, the Captain endeavoured to soften
 them, by making him a present, and directing
 his wounds to be dressed by the surgeon of the
 ship.

The first time that our Commander landed at Anamocka, an old lady presented him with a girl, and gave him to understand that she was at his service. Miss, who had previously been instructed, wanted a spike-nail, or a shirt, neither of which he had to give her; and he flattered himself that, by making the two women sensible of his poverty, he should easily get clear of their importunities. In this, however, he was mistaken. The favours of the young lady were offered upon credit; and on his declining the proposal, the old woman began to argue with him, and then to abuse him. As far as he could collect from her countenance and her actions, the design of her speech was both to ridicule and reproach him, for refusing to entertain so fine a young woman. Indeed, the girl was by no means destitute of beauty; but Captain Cook found it more easy to withstand her allurements than the abuses of the ancient matron, and therefore hastened into his boat.

While the Captain was on shore at Anamocka, he got the names of twenty islands, which lie between the north-west and the north-east. Some of them were in sight; and two of them, which are most to the west, are remarkable on account

of their great height. These are Amattafoa and Oghao. From a continual column of smoke which was seen daily ascending from the middle of Amattafoa, it was judged that there was a volcano in that island.

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Anamocka was first discovered by Tasman, and by him was named Rotterdam *. It is of a triangular form, and each side extends about three and a half or four miles. From the north-west to the south of the island, round by the east and north, it is encompassed by a number of small isles, sand-banks, and breakers. An end could not be seen to their extent to the north, and they may possibly reach as far to the south as Amsterdam, or Tongataboo. Together with Middleburg, or Eaoowe, and Pilstart, these form a group containing about three degrees of latitude, and two of longitude. To this group Captain Cook had given the name of the Friendly Isles, or Archipelago, from the firm alliance and friendship which seemed to subsist among their inhabitants, and from their courteous behaviour to strangers. The same group may perhaps be extended much farther, even down to Boseawen and Keppel's Isles, which were discovered by Captain Wallis, and lie nearly in the same meridian *.

Whilst our Commander was at Anamocka, he was particularly assiduous to prevent the introduc-

* It is situated in the latitude of $20^{\circ} 11'$ south, and the longitude of $174^{\circ} 11'$ west.

* In the latitude of $15^{\circ} 11'$,

CHAP. tion of a certain disorder. As some of his people
 V. brought with them the remains of this disease from
 1774. the Society Isles, he prohibited them from having
 any female intercourse; and he had reason to
 believe that his endeavours were successful.

The productions of Rotterdam, and the persons, manners, and customs of its inhabitants, are similar to those of Amsterdam. It is not, however, equally plentiful in its fruits, nor is every part of it in so high a state of cultivation. Neither hath it arisen to the same degree of wealth, with regard to cloth, matting, ornaments, and other articles, which constitute the chief riches of the islanders of the Southern Ocean †.

1 July. Pursuing their course to the west, our navigators discovered land on the first of July; and, upon a nearer approach, found it to be a small island, to which, on account of the number of turtle that were seen upon the coast, Captain Cook gave the name of **TURTLE ISLE** *. On the sixteenth, high land was seen bearing south-west, which no one doubted to be the *Tierra Austral del Espiritu Santo* of Quiros, and which is called by Mr. de Bougainville the *Great Cyclades*. After exploring the coast for some days, the Captain came to an anchor, in a harbour in the island of *Mallicollo*. One of his first objects was to commence a friendly intercourse with the

† Captain Cook's Voyage towards the South Pole, and round the World, Vol. II. p. 1—21.

* It is situated in latitude $19^{\circ} 48'$ south, and in longitude $178^{\circ} 2'$ west.

natives; but, while he was thus employed, an accident occurred which threw all into confusion, though in the end it was rather advantageous than hurtful to the English. A fellow in a canoe, having been refused admittance into one of our boats, bent his bow to shoot a poisoned arrow at the boat-keeper. Some of his countrymen having prevented his doing it at that instant, time was given to acquaint our Commander with the transaction, who immediately ran upon deck. At this minute, the Indian had directed his bow to the boat-keeper; but upon being called to by Captain Cook, he pointed it at him. Happily, the Captain had a musquet in his hand loaded with small shot, and gave him the contents. By this, however, he was only staggered for a moment; for he still held his bow in the attitude of shooting. A second discharge of the same nature made him drop it, and obliged him, together with the other natives who were in the canoe, to paddle off with all possible celerity. At this time, some of the inhabitants began to shoot arrows from another quarter. A musquet discharged in the air had no effect upon them; but no sooner was a four-pound ball shot over their heads than they fled in the utmost confusion.

A few hours after these transactions, the English put off in two boats, and landed in the face of four or five hundred people, who were assembled on the shore; and who, though they were all armed with bows and arrows, clubs and spears, made not the least opposition. On the

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CHAP. V. 1774. contrary, when they saw Captain Cook advance with nothing but a green branch in his hand, one of them, who appeared to be a Chief, giving his bow and arrows to another, met the Captain in the water, bearing also a green branch. These being mutually exchanged in token of friendship, the chief led our Commander to the crowd, to whom he immediately distributed presents. The marines, in the mean time, were drawn up on the beach. Captain Cook then acquainted the Indians, by signs, that he wanted wood; and in the same manner permission was granted him to cut down the trees.

Much traffic could not be carried on with these people, because they set no value on nails, or iron tools, or, indeed, on any of the articles which our navigators could furnish. In such exchanges as they did make, and which were principally of arrows for pieces of cloth, they distinguished themselves by their honesty. When the ship had begun to sail from the island, and they might easily, in consequence of their canoes dropping astern, have avoided delivering the things they had been paid for, they used their utmost efforts to get up with her, that they might discharge their obligations. One man, in particular, followed the Resolution a considerable time, and did not reach her till the object which brought him was forgotten. As soon as he came alongside the vessel, he held up the thing which had been purchased; and though several of the crew offered to buy it, he insisted upon deliver-

ing it to the person to whom it had been sold. That person, not knowing him again, would have given something in return; but this he refused, and shewed him what he had before received. There was only a single instance in which the natives took, or even attempted to take, any thing from our voyagers, by any means whatever; and in that case restitution was immediately made, without trouble and without altercation.

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The inhabitants of Mallicollo, in general, are the most ugly and ill-proportioned people that Captain Cook had ever seen, and are in every respect different from all the nations which had been met with in the Southern Ocean. They are a very dark-coloured, and rather a diminutive race, with long heads, flat faces, and countenances which have some resemblance to that of the monkey. Their hair, which is mostly black or brown, is short and curly; but not altogether so soft and woolly as that of a negro. The difference of this people from any whom our Commander had yet visited, appeared not only in their persons but their language. Of about eighty words which were collected by Mr. Forster, scarcely one was found to bear any affinity to the language spoken in any country or island hitherto described. It was observed by Captain Cook, that the natives could pronounce most of the English words with great ease. They had not so much as a name for a dog, and knew nothing of that animal; for which reason the

C H A P. V. Captain left them a dog and a bitch; and as they were very fond of them, it was highly probable that the breed would be fostered and encreased.

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To the harbour, in which our Commander anchored, while he lay at Mallicollo, he gave the name of PORT SANDWICH*. It has many advantages, with regard to depth of water, shelter from winds, and lying so near the shore as to be a cover to those of a ship's company who may be carrying on any necessary operations at land †.

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Soon after our navigators had gotten to sea, which was on the twenty-third of July, they discovered three or four small islands, that before had appeared to be connected. At this time the Resolution was not far from the Isle of Ambrym, the Isle of Paoom, and the Isle of Apee.

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On the next morning, several more islands were discovered, lying off the south-east point of Apee, and constituting a group which Captain Cook called SHEPHERD'S ISLES, in honour of his learned and valuable friend, Dr. Shepherd, Plumian Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge. The ship was this day in some danger. It suddenly fell calm, and our voyagers were left to the mercy of the current, close by the isles, where no soundings could be found with a line of a

* It is situated on the north-east side of Mallicollo, not far from the south-east end, in latitude $16^{\circ} 25' 20''$ south, and longitude $167^{\circ} 57' 23''$ east.

† Cook's Voyages, ubi supra, p. 23 — 37.

hundred and eighty fathoms. The lands or islands which lay around the vessel in every direction, were so numerous that they could not be counted. At this crisis a breeze sprung up, which happily relieved the Captain and his company from the anxiety the calm had occasioned.

Amidst the number of islands, that were continually seen by our navigators, there was only one on which no inhabitants were discerned. This consisted chiefly of a remarkable peaked rock, which was only accessible to birds, and which obtained the name of the MONUMENT.

In the farther course of the ship to the southward, our navigators drew near to certain lands, which they found to consist of one large island, the southern and western extremities of which extended beyond their sight. Three or four smaller ones lay off its north side. To the two principal of these Captain Cook gave the name of MONTAGU and HINCHINBROOK; and the large island he named SANDWICH, in honour of his noble patron the Earl of Sandwich. This island, which was spotted with woods and lawns, agreeably diversified over the whole surface, and which had a gentle slope from the hills down to the sea-coast, exhibited a most beautiful and delightful prospect. The examination of it was not, however, so much an object with our Commander, as to proceed to the south, in order to find the southern extremity of the Archipelago.

Pursuing his discoveries, Captain Cook came in sight of an island, which was afterwards

CHAP. known to be called by the natives Erromango.
V. After coasting it for three days, he brought his
1774. vessel to anchor in a bay there, on the third of
3 August. August. The next day, he went with two boats
4. to examine the coast, and to look for a proper
landing-place, that he might obtain a supply of
wood and water. At this time, the inhabitants be-
gan to assemble on the shore, and by signs to invite
our people to land. Their behaviour was appa-
rently so friendly, that the Captain was charmed
with it; and the only thing which could give
him the least suspicion was, that most of them
were armed with clubs, spears, darts, and bows
and arrows. He did not, therefore, remit his
vigilance; but kept his eye continually upon the
Chief, watching his looks, as well as his actions.
It soon was evident that the intentions of the
Indians were totally hostile. They made a violent
attempt to seize upon one of the boats; and
though, on our Commander's pointing a musquet
at them, they in some measure desisted, yet
they returned in an instant, seemingly deter-
mined to carry their design into execution. At
the head of the party was the Chief; while
others, who could not come at the boat, stood
behind with darts, stones, and bows and arrows
in hand, ready to support their countrymen. As
signs and threats had no effect, the safety of
Captain Cook and his people became the only
object of consideration; and yet he was unwill-
ing to fire on the multitude. He resolved,
therefore, to make the Chief alone the victim of

his own treachery, and accordingly, aimed his musquet at him; but at this critical moment it missed fire. This circumstance encouraged the natives to despise our weapons, and to shew the superiority of their own, by throwing stones and darts, and by shooting arrows. Hence it became absolutely necessary for the Captain to give orders to his men to fire upon the assailants. The first discharge threw them into confusion; but a second was scarcely sufficient to drive them off the beach. In consequence of this skirmish, four of the Indians lay, to all appearance, dead on the shore. However, two of them were afterwards perceived to crawl into the bushes; and it was happy for these people that not half of the musquets of the English would go off, since otherwise many more must have fallen. The inhabitants were, at length, so terrified as to make no farther appearance; and two oars, which had been lost in the conflict, were left standing up against the bushes.

It was observed of these islanders, that they seemed of a different race from those of Mallicollo, and that they spoke a different language. They are of a middle size, with a good shape, and tolerable features. Their colour is very dark; and their aspect is not mended by a custom they have of painting their faces, some with a black, and others with a red pigment. As to their hair, it is curly and crisp, and somewhat woolly. The few women who were seen, and who appeared to be ugly, wore a kind of petticoat,

CHAP. made either of palm leaves or of a plant similar
V. in its nature; but the men, like those of Malli-
1774. collo, were almost entirely naked. On account
of the treacherous behaviour of the inhabitants
of Erromango, Captain Cook called a promon-
tory, or peninsula, near which the skirmish
happened, TRAITOR'S HEAD*.

From this place the Captain sailed for an island
which had been discovered before, at a distance,
and at which, on account of his wanting a large
quantity of wood and water, he was resolved to
make some stay. At first the natives were disposed
to be very hostile; but our Commander, with
equal wisdom and humanity, contrived to terrify
them, without danger to their lives. This was
principally effected by firing a few great guns,
at which they were so much alarmed, as after-
wards to be brought to tolerable order. Among
these islanders, many were inclined to be on
friendly terms with our navigators, and especially
the old people; whilst most of the younger were
daring and insolent, and obliged the English to
keep to their arms. It was natural enough that
age should be prudent and cautious, and youth
bold and impetuous; and yet this distinction,
with regard to the behaviour of the various na-
tions which had been visited by Captain Cook,
had not occurred before.

* It is the north-east point of the island, and is situated
in the latitude of $18^{\circ} 43'$ south, and the longitude of
 $169^{\circ} 28'$ east.

The island where the Captain now stayed, was found, upon enquiry, to be called, by the inhabitants, Tanna; and three others in its neighbourhood, and which could be seen from it, were distinguished by the names of Immer, Erronan or Footona, and Annatom. C H A P.
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From such information of the natives as our Commander could see no reason to doubt, it appeared that circumcision was practised among them, and that they were eaters of human flesh. Concerning the latter subject, he should never have thought of asking them a single question, if they had not introduced it themselves, by enquiring whether the English had the same custom. It hath been argued, that necessity alone could be the origin of this horrid practice. But as the people of Tanna are possessed of fine pork and fowls, together with an abundance of roots and fruits, the plea of necessity cannot be urged in their behalf. In fact, no instance was seen of their eating human flesh; and, therefore, there might, perhaps, be some reason to hesitate, in pronouncing them to be cannibals.

By degrees the inhabitants grew so courteous and civil, as to permit the English gentlemen to ramble about in the skirts of the woods, and to shoot in them, without affording them the least molestation, or shewing any dislike. One day, some boys of the island having gotten behind thickets, and thrown two or three stones at our people who were cutting wood, they were fired at by the petty officers on duty. Cap-

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tain Cook, who was then on shore, was alarmed at the report of the musquets; and, when he was informed of the cause, was much displeased that so wanton an use should be made of our fire-arms. Proper measures were taken by him to prevent such conduct for the future.

In the island of Tanna was a volcano, which sometimes made a dreadful noise, and, at each explosion, which happened every three or four minutes, threw up fire and smoke in prodigious columns. At one time, great stones were seen high in the air. At the foot of the hill were several hot springs; and on the side of it Mr. Forster found some places whence smoke of a sulphureous smell issued, through cracks or fissures of the earth. A thermometer, that was placed in a little hole made in one of them, and which in the open air stood only at eighty, rose to a hundred and seventy. In another instance, the mercury rose to a hundred and ninety-one. Our Commander being desirous of getting a near and good view of the volcano, set out with a party for that purpose. But the gentlemen met with so many obstructions from the inhabitants, who were jealous of their penetrating far into the country, that they thought proper to return. For this jealousy of the islanders Captain Cook, in his narrative, has made a very judicious and candid apology.

It is observable, with respect to the volcano of Tanna, that it is not on the ridge of the hill to which it belongs, but on its side. Nor is that

hill the highest in the country; for there are others near it of more than double its height. It was in moist and wet weather that the volcano was most violent.

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When our Commander was ready to sail from Tanna, an event happened, which gave him much concern. Just as our people were getting some logs into the boat, four or five of the natives stepped forward to see what they were doing. In consequence of the Indians not being allowed to come within certain limits, the centinel ordered them back, upon which they readily complied. At this time, Captain Cook, who had his eyes fixed upon them, observed the centry present his piece to the men. The Captain was going to reprove him for this action, when, to his inexpressible astonishment, the centry fired. An attack so causeless and extraordinary naturally threw the natives into great confusion. Most of them fled, and it was with difficulty that our Commander could prevail upon a few of them to remain. As they ran off, he perceived one of them to fall, who was immediately lifted up by two others, who took him into the water, washed his wound, and then led him off. The wounded person not being carried far, Captain Cook sent for the surgeon of the ship, and accompanied him to the man, whom they found expiring. The rascal that had fired pretended that an Indian had laid an arrow across his bow, and was going to shoot at him; so that he apprehended himself to be in danger. This, how-

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ever, was no more than what the islanders had always done, to shew that they were armed as well as our voyagers. What rendered the present incident the more unfortunate was, that it was not the man who bent the bow, but one who stood near him, that was shot by the centry.

The harbour where the Captain anchored, during his stay at Tanna, was called by him **PORT RESOLUTION**, after the name of the ship, she being the first vessel by which it was ever entered. It is no more than a little creek, three quarters of a mile in length, and about half that space in breadth*. No place can exceed it in its convenience for taking in wood and water, which are both close to the shore. The inhabitant of the island, with whom our Commander had the most frequent and friendly connexions, was named Paowang.

Very little trade could be carried on with the people of Tanna. They had not the least knowledge of iron; and consequently nails, tools, and other articles made of that metal, and which are so greedily sought for in the more eastern isles, were here of no consideration. Cloth could be of no service to persons who go naked.

Among the productions of the island; there is reason to believe that the nutmeg-tree might be mentioned. This is collected from the circumstance of Mr. Forster's having shot a pigeon, in

* It is situated on the north side of the most eastern point of the island; in the latitude of $19^{\circ} 32' 29\frac{1}{2}''$ south, and in the longitude of $169^{\circ} 44' 35''$ east.

the crew of which a wild nutmeg was discovered. However, though he took some pains to find the tree, his endeavours were not attended with success.

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It was at first thought by our navigators, that the inhabitants of Tanna were a race between the natives of the Friendly Islands, and those of Mallicollo; but by a short acquaintance with them they were convinced that they had little or no affinity to either, excepting in their hair. Some few men, women, and children were seen, whose hair resembled that of the English. With regard, however, to these persons it was obvious, that they were of another nation; and it was understood that they came from Erronan. Two languages were found to be spoken in Tanna. One of them, which appeared to have been introduced from Erronan, is nearly, if not exactly, the same with that of the Friendly Islands. The other, which is the proper language of the country, and which is judged to be peculiar to Tanna, Erromango, and Annatom, is different from any that had hitherto been met with by our voyagers.

The people of Tanna are of the middle size, and for the most part slender. There are few tall or stout men among them. In general, they have good features and agreeable countenances. Like all the tropical race, they are active and nimble; and seem to excel in the use of arms, but not to be fond of labour. With respect to the management of their weapons, Mr. Wales

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hath made an observation so honourable to Homer, that were I to omit it, I should not be forgiven by my classical readers. "I must confess," says Mr. Wales, "I have often been led to think the feats which Homer represents his heroes as performing with their spears, a little too much of the marvellous to be admitted into an heroic poem; I mean when confined within the strait stays of Aristotle. Nay, even so great an advocate for him as Mr. Pope, acknowledges them to be surprizing. But since I have seen what these people can do with their wooden spears, and them badly pointed, and not of a hard nature, I have not the least exception to any one passage in that great poet on this account. But if I see fewer exceptions, I can find infinitely more beauties in him; as he has, I think, scarcely an action, circumstance, or description of any kind whatever, relating to a spear, which I have not seen and recognized among these people; as, their whirling motion, and whistling noise, as they fly; their quivering motion, as they stick in the ground when they fall; their meditating their aim, when they are going to throw; and their shaking them in their hand, as they go along *."

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On the twentieth of August Captain Cook sailed from Tanna, and employed all the remainder of the month in a farther examination of

* Cook's Voyages, ubi supra, p. 38 — 84.

the islands around him. He had now finished his survey of the whole Archipelago, and had gained a knowledge of it infinitely superior to what had ever been attained before. The northern islands of this Archipelago were first discovered in 1606, by that eminent navigator Quiros, who considered them as part of the southern continent, which, at that time, and till very lately, was supposed to exist. M. de Bougainville was the next person by whom they were visited, in 1768. This gentleman, however, besides landing in the Isle of Lepers, only made the discovery that the country was not connected, but composed of islands, which he called the Great Cyclades. Captain Cook, besides ascertaining the situation and extent of these islands, added to them several new ones which had hitherto been unknown, and explored the whole. He thought, therefore, that he had obtained a right to name them; accordingly he bestowed upon them the appellation of the **NEW HEBRIDES** †. His title to this honour will not

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† They are situated between the latitude of $14^{\circ} 29'$ and $20^{\circ} 4'$ south, and between $166^{\circ} 41'$ and $170^{\circ} 21'$ east longitude, and extend a hundred and twenty-five leagues, in the direction of north-north-west; west, and south-south-east; east. The principal islands of the New Hebrides, for an account of which the reader is referred to Captain Cook's voyage, are, the Peak of the Etoile, Tierra del Espritu Santo, Mallicollo, St. Bartholomew, the Isle of Lepers, Aurora, Whitesuntide Isle, Ambrym, Paoom, Apee, Three Hills, Sandwich, Erromango, Tanna, Immer, and Annatom.

C H A P. be disputed in any part of Europe, and certainly
V. not by so enlightened and liberal a people as
1774. the French nation.

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The season of the year now rendered it necessary for our Commander to return to the south, while he had yet some time to explore any land he might meet with between the New Hebrides and New Zealand; at which last place he intended to touch, that he might refresh his people, and renew his stock of wood and water for another southern course. With this view, he sailed on the first of September, and on the fourth land was discovered; in a harbour belonging to which the Resolution came to an anchor the next day. The design of Captain Cook was not only to visit the country, but to have an opportunity of observing an eclipse of the sun, which was soon to happen. An intercourse immediately commenced with the inhabitants, who, during the whole of the Captain's stay, behaved in a very civil and friendly manner. In return, he was solicitous to render them every service in his power. To Teabooma the Chief, he sent, among other articles, a dog and a bitch, both young, but nearly full grown. It was some time before Teabooma could believe that the two animals were intended for him; but when he was convinced of it, he was lost in an excess of joy. Another, and still more valuable present, was that of a young boar and sow; which, on account of the absence of the Chief

when they were brought to land, were received with great hesitation and ceremony. CHAP.
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The last time that our Commander went on shore at this place, he ordered an inscription to be cut on a large tree, setting forth the name of the ship, the date, of the year, and other circumstances, which testified that the English were the first discoverers of the country. This he had before done, wherever such a ceremony seemed necessary. How the island was called by the natives, our voyagers could never learn; and, therefore, Captain Cook gave it the name of NEW CALEDONIA. The inhabitants are strong, robust, active, and well made. With regard to the origin of the nation, the Captain judged them to be a race between the people of Tanna and the Friendly Isles; or between those of Tanna and the New Zealanders; or all three. Their language is in some respects a mixture of them all *. In their disposition they are courteous and obliging; and they are not in the least addicted to pilfering, which is more than can be asserted concerning any other nation in this sea.

The women of New Caledonia, and those likewise of Tanna, were found to be much chaster than the females of the more eastern islands. Our Commander never heard that the

* Mr. Forster is of opinion that the language of the New Caledonians is totally different from that of any other Nation which had yet been seen in the voyage.

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least favour was obtained from them by any one of his company. Sometimes, indeed, the women would exercise a little coquetry, but they went no farther.

The botanists of the ship did not here complain for want of employment. They were diligent in their researches, and their labours were amply rewarded. Every day brought some accession to botanical knowledge, or that of other branches of natural history †.

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Every thing being ready to put to sea, Captain Cook weighed anchor on the thirteenth of September, with the purpose of examining the coast of New Caledonia. In pursuing this object, by which he was enabled to add greatly to nautical and geographical knowledge, the Resolution was more than once in danger of being lost; and particularly, in the night of the twenty-eighth of the month, she had a narrow escape. Our navigators, on this occasion, were much alarmed; and day-light shewed that their fears had not been ill founded. Indeed, breakers had been continually under their lee, and at a small distance from them; so that they were in the most imminent danger. "We owed our safety," says the Captain, "to the interposition of Providence, a good look-out, and the very brisk manner in which the ship was managed."

Our Commander now began to be tired of a coast which he could no longer explore but at

* Cook, ubi supra, p. 85—127.

the risque of losing the vessel, and ruining the whole voyage. He determined, however, not to leave it, till he knew of what kind some groves of trees were, which by their uncommon appearance, had occasioned much speculation, and had been mistaken, by several of the gentlemen, for bisaltes. Captain Cook was the more solicitous to ascertain the point, as these trees appeared to be of a sort which might be useful to shipping, and had not been seen any where but in the southern parts of New Caledonia. They proved to be a species of spruce pine, very proper for spars, which were then wanted. The discovery was valuable, as, excepting New Zealand, there was not an island known, in the South Pacific Ocean, where a ship could supply herself with a mast or yard, to whatever distress she might be reduced. It was the opinion of the carpenter of the Resolution, who was a masts-maker as well as a shipwright, that very good masts might be made from the trees in question. The wood of them, which is white, close-grained, tough, and light, is well adapted to that purpose. One of the small islands where the trees were found, was called by the Captain the ISLE OF PINES. To another, on account of its affording sufficient employment to the botanists, during the little time they stayed upon it, he gave the name of BOTANY ISLE.

Captain Cook now took into serious consideration what was farther to be done. He had pretty well determined the extent of the south-

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west coast of New Caledonia, and would gladly have proceeded to a more accurate survey of the whole, had he not been deterred, not only by the dangers he must encounter, but by the time required for the undertaking, and which he could not possibly spare. Indeed, when he considered the vast ocean he had to explore to the south; the state and condition of the ship; the near approach of summer; and that any material accident might detain him in this sea even for another year, he did not think it adviseable to make New Caledonia any longer the object of his attention. But though he was thus obliged, by necessity, for the first time, to leave a coast which he had discovered, before it was fully surveyed, he did not quit it till he had ascertained the extent of the country, and proved, that, excepting New Zealand, it is perhaps the largest island in the South Pacific Ocean*.

As the Resolution pursued her course from New Caledonia, land was discovered, which, on a nearer approach, was found to be an island of good height and five leagues in circuit. Captain Cook named it NORFOLK ISLE, in honour of the noble family of Howard†. It was uninha-

* New Caledonia extends from the latitude of $19^{\circ} 37'$ to $22^{\circ} 30'$ south, and from the longitude of $163^{\circ} 37'$ to $167^{\circ} 14'$ east. It lies nearly north-west $\frac{1}{2}$ west, and south-east $\frac{1}{2}$ east, and is about eighty-seven leagues long in that direction. Its breadth does not any where exceed ten leagues.

† It is situated in the latitude of $29^{\circ} 2' 30''$ south, and in the longitude of $168^{\circ} 16'$ east.

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bited; and the first persons that ever set foot on CHAP.
it were unquestionably our English navigators. V.

Various trees and plants were observed that are 1774.
common at New Zealand; and, in particular,
the flax plant, which is rather more luxuriant
here than in any part of that country. The chief
produce of the island is a kind of spruce pine,
exceedingly strait and tall, which grows in
great abundance. Such is the size of many of
the trees, that, breast high, they are as thick
as two men can fathom. Among the vegetables
of the place, the palm-cabbage afforded both
a wholesome and palatable refreshment; and,
indeed, proved the most agreeable repast that
our people had for a considerable time enjoyed.
In addition to this gratification, they had the
pleasure of procuring some excellent fish.

From Norfolk Isle, our Commander steered
for New Zealand, it being his intention to touch
at Queen Charlotte's Sound, that he might refresh
his crew, and put the ship in a condition to
encounter the southern latitudes. On the eigh- 1803.
teenth of October, he anchored before Ship Cove
in that sound; and the first thing he did, after
landing, was to look for the bottle he had left on
the shore, in which was a memorandum. It was
taken away; and it soon appeared, from indis-
putable circumstances, that the Adventure had
been in the cove after it was quitted by the
Resolution.

Upon visiting the gardens which had been
formed at Motuara, they were found almost in

CHAP. a state of nature, having been wholly neglected
V. by the inhabitants. Many, however, of the
1774. articles were in a flourishing condition, and
shewed how well they liked the soil in which
they were planted. It was several days before
any of the natives made their appearance;
but when they did so, and recognised Captain
Cook and his friends, joy succeeded to fear.
They hurried in numbers out of the woods,
and embraced the English over and over again,
leaping and skipping about like madmen. Amidst
all this extravagance of joy, they were careful
to preserve the honour of their females; for they
would not permit some women, who were seen
at a distance, to come near our people. The
Captain's whole intercourse with the New Zea-
landers, during this his third visit to Queen
Charlotte's Sound, was peaceable and friendly;
and one of them, a man apparently of conse-
quence, whose name was Pedero, presented him
with a staff of honour, such as the Chiefs gene-
rally carry. In return, our Commander dressed
Pedero, who had a fine person, and a good
presence, in a suit of old clothes, of which he
was not a little proud.

Captain Cook still continued his solicitude to
stock the island with useful animals; and accord-
ingly, in addition to what he had formerly done,
he ordered two pigs, a boar and sow, to be put
on shore. There was reason to believe that some
of the cocks and hens which had formerly been
left here still existed. None of them, indeed,

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were seen; but an hen's egg was found, which had not long been laid. CHAP.
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Mr. Wales had now an opportunity of completing his observations with regard to Queen Charlotte's Sound, so as to ascertain its latitude and longitude with the utmost accuracy *. In the Captain's former voyage there had been an error in this respect. Such were Mr. Wales's abilities and assiduity, that the same correctness was maintained by him, in determining the situations of all the other places which were visited by our navigators †. 1774.

On the tenth of November, Captain Cook took his departure from New Zealand, in farther pursuit of his great object, the determination of the question concerning the existence of a southern continent. Having sailed till the twenty-seventh, in different degrees of latitude, extending from 43° to $55^{\circ} 48'$ south, he gave up all hopes of finding any more land in this ocean ††. He came, therefore, to the resolution of steering directly for the west entrance of the Straights of Magalhaens, with a view of coasting the south side of Terra del Fuego, round Cape Horn, to the Straight Le Maire. As the world had hitherto 10 Nov.
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* The longitude of Queen Charlotte's Sound, at the bottom of Ship Cove, is $174^{\circ} 25' 7''$ east, and its latitude $41^{\circ} 5' 56''$ south.

† Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 128 — 162.

†† The ship, on the twenty-seventh was in longitude $138^{\circ} 56'$ west.

CHAP. obtained but a very imperfect knowledge of this
V. shore, the Captain thought that the full survey
1774. of it would be more advantageous, both to
navigation and geography, than any thing he
could expect to find in a higher latitude.

17 Dec. In the prosecution of his voyage, our Com-
mander, on the seventeenth of December, reached
20. the west coast of Terra del Fuego; and having
continued to range it till the twentieth, he came
to an anchor in a place to which he afterwards
gave the name of CHRISTMAS SOUND. Through
the whole course of his various navigations, he
had never seen so desolate a coast. It seems to
be entirely composed of rocky mountains, with-
out the least appearance of vegetation. These
mountains terminate in horrible precipices, the
craggy summits of which spire up to a vast height;
so that scarcely any thing in nature can appear
with a more barren and savage aspect, than the
whole of the country.

The run which Captain Cook had made di-
rectly across this ocean, in a high southern latitude,
was believed by him to be the first of the kind
that had ever been carried into execution *. He
was, therefore, somewhat particular in remarking
every circumstance which seemed to be in the
least material. However, he could not but observe,
that he had never made a passage any where, of
such length, or even of a much shorter extent,

* He could not possibly know, at this time, that the
Adventure had made the passage before him.

in which so few things occurred that were of an interesting nature. Excepting the variation of the compass, he knew of nothing else that was worthy of notice. The Captain had now done with the Southern Pacific Ocean; and he had explored it in such a manner, that it would be impossible for any one to think that more could be performed, in a single voyage, towards obtaining that end, than had actually been accomplished †.

Barren and dreary as the land is about Christmas Sound, it was not wholly destitute of some accommodations, which could not fail of being agreeable to our navigators. Near every harbour they found fresh water, and wood for fuel. The country abounds likewise with wild fowl, and particularly with geese; which afforded a refreshment to the whole crew, that was the more acceptable on account of the approaching festival. Had not Providence thus happily provided for them, their Christmas cheer must have been salt beef and pork. Some Madeira wine, the only article of provision that was mended by keeping, was still left. This, in conjunction with the geese, which were cooked in every variety of method, enabled our people to celebrate Christmas as cheerfully, as perhaps was done by their friends in England.

The inhabitants of Terra del Fuego, Captain Cook found to be of the same nation that he had formerly seen in Success Bay, and the same

* Cook, ubi supra, p. 161 — 176.

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whom M. de Bougainville has distinguished by the name of Pecharas. They are a little, ugly, half-starved, beardless race, and go almost naked. It is their own fault that they are not better clothed, nature having furnished them with ample materials for that purpose. By lining their seal-skin cloaks with the skins and feathers of aquatic birds; by making the cloaks themselves larger; and by applying the same materials to different parts of clothing, they might render their dress much more warm and comfortable. But while they are doomed to exist in one of the most inhospitable climates on the globe, they have not sagacity enough to avail themselves of those means of adding to the conveniences of life, which Providence has put into their power. In short, the Captain, after having been a witness to so many varieties of the human race, hath pronounced, that of all the nations he had seen, the Pecharas are the most wretched *.

Notwithstanding the barrenness of the country, it abounds with a variety of unknown plants, and gave sufficient employment to the botanists of the Resolution. "Almost every plant," says Mr. Forster, "which we gathered" on the rocks, "was new to us, and some species were," remarkable for the beauty of their flowers, "or their smell †."

28 Dec.

On the twenty-eighth of December, our Commander sailed from Christmas Sound, and

* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 177 — 187.

† Forster's Voyage round the World, Vol. II. p. 488.

proceeded on his voyage, round Cape Horn, through Straight le Maire, to Staten Land. This famous Cape was passed by him on the next day, when he entered the Southern Atlantic Ocean. In some charts, Cape Horn is laid down as belonging to a small island; but this was neither confirmed, nor could it be contradicted by our navigators, for several breakers appeared on the coast, both to the east and west of it, and the hazy weather rendered every object indistinct. Though the summits of some of the hills were rocky, the sides and valleys seemed covered with a green turf, and wooded in tufts †.

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In ranging Staten Island a good port was found situated three leagues to the westward of St. John, and in a northern direction. Upon account of the day on which the discovery of this port was made, (being the first of January) Captain Cook gave it the name of NEW YEAR'S HARBOUR. The knowledge of it may be of service to future navigators. Indeed, it would be more convenient for ships bound to the west, or round Cape Horn, if its situation would permit them to put to sea with an easterly and northerly wind. But this inconvenience is not of great consequence, since these winds are seldom known to be of long duration. The Captain, however, has declared, that if he were on a voyage round Cape Horn to the west, and not

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† The latitude of Cape Horn is $55^{\circ} 58'$ south, and its longitude was now ascertained to be $67^{\circ} 46'$ west.

CHAP. in want of wood or water, or any other thing
V. which might make it necessary to put into port,
1779. he would not approach the land at all. By
keeping out at sea the currents would be avoided,
which, he was satisfied, would lose their force
at ten or twelve leagues from land, and be
totally without influence at a greater distance.

The extent of Terra del Fuego, and consequently that of the Straights of Magalhaens, our Commander ascertained to be less than has been laid down by the generality of navigators. Nor was the coast, upon the whole, found to be so dangerous as has often been represented. The weather, at the same time, was remarkably temperate.

In one of the little isles near Staten Land, and which had been called by Captain Cook New Year's Isles, there was observed a harmony between the different animals of the place, which is too curious to be omitted. It seemed as if they had entered into a league not to disturb each other's tranquillity. The greater part of the sea-coast is occupied by the sea-lions; the sea-bears take up their abode in the isle; the shags are posted in the highest cliffs; the penguins fix their quarters where there is the most easy communication to and from the sea; and the rest of the birds chuse more retired places. All these animals were occasionally seen to mix together, like domestic cattle and poultry in a farm-yard, without one attempting to molest the other. Nay, the Captain had often observed

the eagles and vultures sitting on the hills among the shags, while none of the latter, whether old or young, appeared to be in the least disturbed at their presence. It may be asked, then, how do these birds of prey live? This question our Commander hath answered, by supposing that they feed on the carcases of seals and birds which die by various causes. It is probable, from the immense quantity of animals with which the isle abounds, that such carcases exist in great numbers*.

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From Staten Island Captain Cook sailed, on the fourth of January, with a view, in the first place, of discovering that extensive coast, laid down by Mr. Dalrymple in his chart, in which is the gulph of St. Sebastian. In order to have all other parts before him, the Captain designed to make the western point of that gulph. As he had some doubt of the existence of such a coast, this appeared to him the best route for determining the matter, and for exploring the southern part of this ocean. When he came to the situations assigned to the different points of the gulph of St. Sebastian, neither land nor any unequivocal signs of land were discovered. On the contrary, it was evident that there could not be any extensive tract of country in the direction which had been supposed.

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Proceeding in his voyage, land was seen on the fourteenth, which was at first mistaken for

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* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 187 — 206.

CHAP. V. an island of ice. It was in a manner wholly covered with snow. From the person by whom it was first discovered, it obtained the name of WILLIS'S ISLAND †. It is a high rock, of no great extent, near to which are some rocky islets. Another island, of a larger compass, on account of the vast number of birds which were upon it, was called BIRD ISLE. A more extensive range of country had been seen for some time, which Captain Cook reached on the seventeenth, and where he landed, on the same day, in three different places. The head of the bay, in which he came to shore, was terminated by particular ice-cliffs, of considerable height. Pieces were continually breaking off, and floating out to sea; and while our navigators were in the bay, a great fall happened, which made a noise like a cannon. No less savage and horrible were the inner parts of the country. "The wild rocks raised their summits, till they were lost in the clouds, and the valleys lay covered with everlasting snow." There was not a tree to be seen, or a shrub found that was even big enough to make a tooth-pick. The only vegetation that was met with, was a coarse strong-bladed grass, growing in tufts, wild burnet, and a plant like moss, which sprang from the rocks.

When our Commander landed in the bay, he displayed the English colours; and, under a

† It is situated in the latitude of 54° south, and the longitude of $38^{\circ} 23'$ west.

discharge of small arms, took possession of the country in his Majesty's name. It was not, however, a discovery which was ever likely to be productive of any considerable benefit. In his return to the ship, Captain Cook brought with him a quantity of seals and penguins, which were an acceptable present to the crew; not from the want of provisions, which were plentiful in every kind, but from a change of diet. Any sort of fresh meat was preferred by most on board to salt. The Captain himself was now, for the first time, tired of the salted meats of the ship; and though the flesh of the penguins could scarcely vie with bullock's liver, its freshness was sufficient to render it comparatively agreeable to the palate. To the bay in which he had been, he gave the name of POSSESSION BAY*.

The land in which this bay lies, was at first judged by our navigators to be part of a great continent. But, upon coasting round the whole country, it was proved to a demonstration that it was only an island of seventy leagues in circuit. In honour of his Majesty, Captain Cook called it the ISLE OF GEORGIA†. It could scarcely have been thought that an island of no greater extent than this, situated between the latitude

* It is situated in the latitude of $54^{\circ} 5'$ south, and in longitude of $37^{\circ} 18'$ west.

† It is situated between the latitudes of $53^{\circ} 57'$ and $54^{\circ} 57'$ south; and between $38^{\circ} 13'$ and $35^{\circ} 34'$ west longitude.

CHAP. of fifty-four and fifty-five, should, in a manner,
 V. be wholly covered, many fathoms deep, with
 1775. frozen snow, in the height of summer. The sides
 and summits of the lofty mountains were cased
 with snow and ice; and an incredible quantity
 lay in the valleys. So immense was the quantity,
 that our Commander did not think that it could
 be the produce of the island. Some land, there-
 fore, which he had seen at a distance, induced
 him to believe that it might belong to an exten-
 sive tract; and gave him hopes of discovering a
 continent. In this respect, however, he was
 disappointed; but the disappointment did not sit
 heavy upon him; since to judge of the bulk by
 the apprehended sample, it would not have been
 worth the discovery. It was remarkable that
 our voyagers did not see a river, or a stream of
 fresh water, on the whole coast of the Isle of
 Georgia. Captain Cook judged it to be highly
 probable that there are no perennial springs in
 the country; and that the interior parts, in con-
 sequence of their being much elevated, never
 enjoy heat enough to melt the snow in sufficient
 quantities to produce a river or stream of water.
 In sailing round the island, our navigators were
 almost continually involved in a thick mist; so
 that, for any thing they knew to the contrary,
 they might be surrounded with dangerous rocks.

25 January. The Captain, on the twenty-fifth of the month,
 steered from the Isle of Georgia, and, on the
 27. twenty-seventh, computed that he was in latitude
 sixty, south. Farther than this he did not intend

to go, unless some certain signs of soon meeting with land should be discovered. There was now a long hollow swell from the west, which was a strong indication that no land was to be met with in that direction; and hence arose an additional proof of what has already been remarked, that the extensive coast, laid down in Mr. Dalrymple's chart of the ocean between Africa and America, and the Gulph of St. Sebastian, both not exist. Not to mention the various islands which were seen in the prosecution of the voyage, and the names that were given to them, I shall only advert to a few of the more material circumstances. On an elevated coast, which appeared in sight upon the thirty-first, our Commander bestowed the appellation of the SOUTHERN THULE. The reason of his giving this name was, that it is the most southern land that had ever yet been discovered*. It is every where covered with snow, and displays a surface of vast height. On this day, our voyagers were in no small danger from a great westerly swell, which set right upon the shore, and threatened to carry them on the most horrible coast in the world. Happily, the discovery of a point to the north, beyond which no land could be seen, relieved them from their apprehensions. To the more distinguished tracts of country, which were discovered from the

* Its latitude is $59^{\circ} 13' 30''$ south, and its longitude $27^{\circ} 45'$ west.

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V. Captain Cook gave the names of CAPE BRISTOL,
1775. CAPE MONTAGU, SAUNDERS'S ISLE, CANDLEMAS
31. Jan. ISLES, and SANDWICH'S LAND. The last is either
to a group of islands, or else a point of the conti-
6 Feb. nent. For that there is a tract of land near the
pole, which is the source of most of the ice that
is spread over this vast Southern Ocean, was
the Captain's firm opinion. He also thought it
probable, that this land must extend farthest to
the north where it is opposite to the Southern
Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Ice had always been
found by him farther to the north in these oceans
than any where else, and this he judged could
not be the case, if there were not land of con-
siderable extent to the south. However, the
greatest part of this southern continent, if it
actually exists, must lie within the polar circle,
where the sea is so encumbered with ice, that
the land is rendered inaccessible. So great is the
risque which is run, in examining a coast in
these unknown and icy seas, that our Command-
er, with a modest and well-grounded boldness,
could assert, that no man would ever venture
farther than he had done; and that the lands
which may lie to the south will never be ex-
plored. Thick fogs, snow storms, intense cold,
and every thing beside that can render naviga-
tion dangerous, must be encountered; all which
difficulties are greatly heightened by the inexpress-
sibly horrid aspect of the country. It is a country
doomed by nature never once to feel the warmth

of the sun's rays, but to lie buried in everlasting snow and ice. Whatever ports there may be on the coast, they are almost entirely covered with frozen snow of a vast thickness. If, however, any one of them should be so far open as to invite a ship into it, she would run the risque of being fixed there for ever, or of coming out in an ice island. To this it may be added, that the islands and floats on the coast, the great falls from the ice cliffs in the port, or a heavy snow storm, attended with a sharp frost, might be equally fatal.

Nothing could exceed the inclination of Captain Cook, if it had been practicable, to penetrate farther to the south: but difficulties like these were not to be surmounted. If he had risked all that had been done during the voyage, for the sake of discovering and exploring a coast, which, when discovered and explored, would have answered no end whatever, or have been of the least use either to navigation or geography, or indeed to any other science, he would justly have been charged with inexcusable temerity. He determined, therefore, to alter his course to the east, and to sail in quest of Bouvet's Land, the existence of which was yet to be settled. Accordingly, this was the principal object of his pursuit, from the sixth to the twenty-second of the month. By that day he had run down thirteen degrees of longitude, in the very latitude assigned for Bouvet's Land. No such land,

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CHAP. however, was discovered; nor did any proofs
V. occur of the existence of Cape Circumcision.
1775. Our Commander was at this time no more than
two degrees of longitude from the route he had
taken to the south, when he left the Cape of
Good Hope. It would, therefore, have been
to no purpose to proceed any farther to the east
in this parallel. But being desirous of determining
the question concerning some land that was sup-
posed to have been seen more to the south, he
directed his course for the situation in which the
discovery of it might be expected. Two days
were spent by him in this pursuit, to no effec-
tual purpose. After having run over the place
where the land was imagined to lie, without
meeting with the least signs of any, it became
certain that the ice islands had deceived our
navigators as well as Mr. Bouvet *.

Captain Cook had now made the circuit of
the southern ocean in a high latitude, and tra-
versed it in such a manner as to leave not the
least room for the possibility of there being a
continent, unless near the pole, and out of the
reach of navigation. By twice visiting the tropical
sea, he had not only settled the situation of some
old discoveries, but made many new ones; and,
indeed, even in that part, had left little more
to be accomplished. The intention of the voyage
had, in every respect, been fully answered, and
the southern hemisphere sufficiently explored. A

* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 207—238.

final end was hereby put to the searching after a southern continent, which, for nearly two centuries past, had occasionally engrossed the attention of some of the maritime powers, and had been urged with great ardour by philosophers and geographers in different ages.

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The great purpose of his navigation round the globe being thus completed, the Captain began to direct his views towards England. He had, indeed, some thoughts of protracting his course a little longer, for the sake of revisiting the place where the French discovery is said to be situated. But, upon mature deliberation, he determined to lay aside his intention. He considered that, if this discovery had really been made, the end would be as fully answered as if it had been done by himself. It could only be an island; and if a judgment might be formed from the degree of cold which our voyagers had experienced in that latitude, it could not be a fertile one. Besides, our Commander would hereby have been kept two months longer at sea, and that in a tempestuous latitude, with which the ship was not in a condition to struggle. Her sails and rigging were so much worn, that something was giving way every hour; and there was nothing left, either to repair or to replace them. The provisions of the vessel were in such a state of decay that they afforded little nourishment, and the company had been long without refreshments. Indeed, the crew were yet healthy, and would cheerfully have gone wherever the Captain judged

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it proper to lead them; but he was fearful lest the scurvy should lay hold of them, at a time when none of the remedies were left by which it could be removed. He thought, likewise, that it would have been cruel in him to have continued the fatigues and hardships they were perpetually exposed to, longer than was absolutely necessary. Throughout the whole voyage, they had merited by their behaviour every indulgence which it was in his power to bestow. Animated by the conduct of the officers, they had shewn that no difficulties or dangers which came in their way were incapable of being surmounted; nor had their activity, courage, and cheerfulness been in the least abated by the separation from them of their consort the Adventure.

From all these considerations, which were evidently the dictates of wisdom and humanity, Captain Cook was induced to spend no longer time in searching for the French discoveries, and to steer for the Cape of Good Hope. He determined, however, to direct his course in such a manner as to look for the Isles of Denia and Marfeveen, which are laid down in Dr. Halley's variation chart *. After sailing in the proper latitudes, from the twenty-fifth of February to the thirteenth of March, no such islands were discovered. Nothing, indeed, had been

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* They are laid down in the latitude of $41^{\circ} \frac{1}{2}$ south, and about 4° of longitude to the east of the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope.

seen that could encourage our voyagers to persevere in a search after them; and much time could not now be spared, either for the purpose of finding them, or of proving their non-existence. Every one on board was for good reasons impatient to get into port. The Captain, therefore, could no longer avoid yielding to the general wishes, and resolving to proceed to the Cape, without farther delay †.

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Soon after our Commander had come to this determination, he demanded of the officers and petty officers, in pursuance of his instructions, the log-books and journals they had kept; which were delivered to him accordingly, and sealed up for the inspection of the Admiralty. He enjoined them also, and the whole crew, not to divulge where they had been, till they were permitted to do so by their lordships; an injunction, a compliance with which might probably be rendered somewhat difficult, from the natural tendency there is in men to relate the extraordinary enterprizes and adventures wherein they have been concerned.

As the Resolution approached towards the Cape of Good Hope, she fell in first with a Dutch East Indiaman from Bengal, commanded by Captain Bosch, and next with an English Indiaman, being the True Briton, from China, of which Captain Broadly was the commander,

† He was at this time in the latitude of $38^{\circ} 38'$ south, and the longitude of $23^{\circ} 37'$ east.

C H A P. V. Mr. Bosch very obligingly offered to our navigators sugar, arrack, and whatever he had to spare; and Captain Broadly, with the most ready generosity, sent them fresh provisions, tea, and various articles which could not fail of being peculiarly acceptable to people in their situation. Even a parcel of old news-papers furnished no slight gratification to persons who had so long been deprived of obtaining any intelligence concerning their country and the state of Europe. From these vessels Captain Cook received some information with regard to what had happened to the Adventure, after her separation from the Resolution.

22 March.

On Wednesday the twenty-second of March *, he anchored in Table Bay; where he found several Dutch ships, some French, and the Ceres, an English East Indiaman, bound directly for England, under the command of Captain Newte. By this gentleman he sent a copy of the preceding part of his journal, some charts, and other drawings, to the Admiralty †.

During the circum-navigation of the globe, from the period of our Commander's leaving the Cape of Good Hope to his return to it again, he had sailed no less than twenty thousand leagues. This was an extent of voyage nearly equal to three times the equatorial circumference

* With our navigators, who had sailed round the world, it was Wednesday the twenty-second of March; but at the Cape of Good Hope it was Tuesday the twenty-first.

† Voyage, ubi supra, p. 239 — 249.

of the earth, and which had never been accomplished before, by any ship, in the same compass of duration. In such a case, it could not be a matter of surprise, that the rigging and sails of the *Resolution* should be essentially damaged, and even worn out: and yet, in all this great run, which had been made in every latitude between nine and seventy-one, she did not spring either low-mast, top-mast, lower or top-sail yard; nor did she so much as break a lower or top-mast shroud. These happy circumstances were owing to the good properties of the vessel, and the singular care and abilities of her officers *.

On the remainder of the voyage it is not necessary to enlarge. Though it was conducted with the same attention to navigation and geography, and with the same sagacity in marking whatever was worthy of observation, nevertheless, as it was not employed in traversing unknown seas, or in discovering countries that had not been heard of before, it may be sufficient briefly to mention the places at which Captain Cook touched, before his arrival in England. The repairs of the ship having been completed, and the necessary stores gotten on board, together with a fresh supply of provisions and water, he left the Cape of Good Hope on the twenty-seventh of April, and reached the Island of St. Helena on the fifteenth of May. Here he staid till the twenty-first, when he sailed for the Island of

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* Voyage, ubi supra, p. 265, 266.

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In the progress of the voyage, our Commander made an experiment upon the still for procuring fresh water; and the result of the trial was, that the invention is useful upon the whole, but that to trust entirely to it would by no means be advisable. Indeed, provided there is not a scarcity of fuel, and the coppers are good, as much water may be obtained as will support life, but no efforts will be able to procure a quantity sufficient for the preservation of health, especially in hot climates. Captain Cook was convinced, by experience, that nothing contributes more to the health of seamen, than having plenty of water.

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On the fourteenth of July, the Captain came to an anchor in the Bay of Fayal, one of the Azores Islands. His sole design in stopping here, was to give Mr. Wales an opportunity of finding the rate of the watch, that hereby he might be enabled to fix the longitude of these islands with the greater degree of certainty. No sooner, therefore, had our Commander anchored, than he sent an officer to wait on the English consul, and to acquaint the governor with the arrival of our navigators, requesting his permission for Mr Wales to make observations on shore, for the purpose now mentioned. Mr. Dent, who then

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acted as consul, not only obtained this permission, but accommodated Mr. Wales with a convenient place in his garden, to set up his instruments.

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This object being accomplished, Captain Cook proceeded, on the nineteenth, with all expedition for England. On the thirtieth of the same month, he anchored at Spithead, and landed at Portsmouth, having been absent from Great Britain three years and eighteen days, in which time, and under all changes of climate, he had lost but four men, and only one of them by sickness*.

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* Voyage, ubi supra, p. 268 — 289.

CHAPTER THE SIXTH.

The History of Captain Cook's Life, from the Conclusion of his second Voyage round the World, to the Commencement of his Voyage to the Pacific Ocean.

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THE able manner in which Captain Cook had conducted the preceding voyage, the discoveries he had made, and his complete determination of the grand point he had been sent to ascertain, justly and powerfully recommended him to the protection and encouragement of all those who had patronized the undertaking. No alteration had occurred, during his absence, in the Presidency of the Admiralty department. The noble Lord, whose extensive views had taken such a lead in the plans of navigation and discovery, still continued at the head of that board; and it could not be otherwise than a high satisfaction to him that so extraordinary a degree of success had attended his designs for the enlargement of science. His lordship lost no time in representing Captain Cook's merits to the King: nor did his Majesty stand in need of solicitations to shew favour to a man who had so eminently fulfilled his royal and munificent intentions. Accordingly, our navigator, on the ninth of August, was raised to the rank of a Post Captain. Three days afterwards, he received a more distinguished and substantial

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mark of the approbation of Government; for he was then appointed a Captain in Greenwich Hospital; a situation which was intended to afford him a pleasing and honourable reward for his illustrious labours and services *.

It will easily be supposed that the lovers of science would, in general, be peculiarly attentive to the effects resulting from Captain Cook's discoveries. The additions he had made to the knowledge of geography, navigation, and astronomy, and the new views he had opened of the diversified state of human life and manners, could not avoid commanding their esteem, and exciting their admiration. With many persons of philosophic literature he was in the habits of intimacy and friendship; and he was particularly acquainted with Sir John Pringle, at that time President of the Royal Society. It was natural, therefore, that his scientific friends should wish him to become a member of this learned body; the consequence of which was, that, in the latter end of the year 1775, he was proposed as a candidate for election. On the twenty-ninth of February, 1776, he was unanimously chosen; and he was admitted on the seventh of March †. That same evening, a paper was read, which he had addressed to Sir John Pringle, containing an account of the method he had taken to preserve the health

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* From the books of the Admiralty.

† From the register of the Royal Society, and the information of Mr. Planta.

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 1776. during her voyage round the world *. Another paper, at the request of the President, was
 13 April. communicated by him, on the eighteenth of April, relative to the tides in the South Seas. The tides particularly considered were those in the Endeavour River, on the east coast of New Holland †.

A still greater honour was in reserve for Captain Cook than the election of him to be a common member of the Royal Society. It was resolved by Sir John Pringle, and the Council of the Society, to bestow upon him the estimable prize of the gold medal, for the best experimental paper of the year; and no determination could be founded in greater wisdom and justice. If Captain Cook had made no important discoveries, if he had not determined the question concerning a southern continent, his name would have been entitled to immortality, on account of his humane attention to, and his unparalleled success in preserving the lives and health of his seamen. He had good reason, upon this head, to assume the pleasurable, but modest language, with which he has concluded his narrative of his second navigation round the globe: "Whatever," says he, "may be the public judgment about other matters, it is with real satisfaction, and without claiming any merit but that of attention to

* Philosophical Transactions, vol. lxxvi. p. 402. — 406.

† Ibid. p. 447 — 449.

" my duty, that I can conclude this account
 " with an observation, which facts enable me to
 " make, that our having discovered the possibi-
 " lity of preserving health among a numerous
 " ship's company, for such a length of time, in
 " such varieties of climate, and amidst such
 " continued hardships and fatigues, will make
 " this voyage remarkable, in the opinion of
 " every benevolent person, when the disputes
 " about the Southern Continent shall have ceased
 " to engage the attention, and to divide the
 " judgment of philosophers *."

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It was the custom of Sir John Pringle, at the
 delivery of Sir Godfrey Copley's annual medal,
 to give an elaborate discourse, containing the
 history of that part of science for the improve-
 ment of which the medal was conferred. Upon
 the present occasion, the President had a subject
 to enlarge upon, which was perfectly congenial
 to his disposition and studies. His own life had
 been much employed in pointing out the means
 which tended not only to cure, but to prevent,
 the diseases of mankind; and, therefore, it was
 with peculiar pleasure and affection that he cele-
 brated the conduct of his friend, who, by pre-
 cautions equally wise and simple, had rendered
 the circum-navigation of the globe, so far as
 health is concerned, quite a harmless undertak-
 ing †. Towards the beginning of his discourse,

* Cook's second voyage, vol. ii. p. 293.

† Life of Sir John Pringle, prefixed to his Six Dis-
 courses, p. xlii. xliii.

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Sir John justly asks, "What enquiry can be so
" useful as that, which hath for its object the
" saving the lives of men? and when shall we
" find one more successful than that before us?
" Here, " adds the President, " are no vain
" boastings of the empiric, nor ingenious and
" delusive theories of the dogmatist; but a con-
" cise and artless, and an incontestable relation of
" the means, by which, under Divine favour,
" Captain Cook, with a company of a hundred
" and eighteen men, performed a voyage of
" three years and eighteen days, throughout all
" the climates, from fifty-two degrees north to
" seventy-one degrees south, with the loss of
" only one man by sickness †. — I would now
" enquire, " proceeds Sir John Pringle, " of the
" most conversant in the study of bills of morta-
" lity, whether, in the most healthful climate,
" and in the best condition of life, they have
" ever found so small a number of deaths, within
" that space of time? How great and agreeable
" then must our surprize be, after perusing the
" histories of long navigations in former days,
" when so many perished by marine diseases,
" to find the air of the sea acquitted of all ma-
" lignity, and, in fine, that a voyage round the

† Mr. Patten, surgeon to the Resolution, informed Sir John Pringle, that this one man, who died of a consumption terminating in a dropsy, began so early to complain of a cough and other consumptive symptoms, which had never left him, that his lungs must have been affected before he came on board.

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 “ perhaps, to health, than a common tour in VI.
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In the progress of his discourse, the President recounted the dreadful calamities and destruction the scurvy had heretofore brought upon mariners in voyages of great length; after which he pointed out at large, and illustrated with his own observations, the methods pursued by Captain Cook for preserving the health of his men. In conclusion, Sir John remarked, that the Royal Society never more cordially or more meritoriously bestowed the gold medal, that faithful symbol of their esteem and affection. “ For if,” says he, “ Rome decreed the *civic crown* to him “ who saved the life of a single citizen, what “ wreaths are due to that man, who having “ himself saved many, perpetuates in your Trans- “ actions the means by which Britain may now, “ on the most distant voyages, preserve numbers “ of her intrepid sons, her *mariners*, who, brav- “ ing every danger, have so liberally contributed “ to the same, to the opulence, and to the “ maritime empire, of their country! * ”

* Sir John Pringle's *Six Discourses*, p. 145 — 147, 199. — It cannot but be acceptable to insert here, from the conclusion of Captain Cook's second voyage, his enumeration of the several causes, to which, under the care of Providence, the uncommon good state of health, experienced by his people, was owing. “ in the introduction,” “ says he, “ mention has been made of the extraordinary attention paid by the admiralty, in causing

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One circumstance alone was wanting to complete the pleasure and celebrity arising from the

“ such articles to be put on board, as either from experience or suggestion it was judged would tend to preserve the health of the seamen. I shall not trespass upon the reader's time in mentioning them all, but confine myself to such as were found the most useful.

“ We were furnished with a quantity of malt, of which was made *Sweet wort*. To such of the men as shewed the least symptoms of the scurvy; and also to such as were thought to be threatened with that disorder, this was given, from one to two or three pints a day each man; or in such proportion as the surgeon found necessary, which sometimes amounted to three quarts. This is, without doubt, one of the best antiscorbutic sea-medicines yet discovered; and, if used in time, will, with proper attention to other things, I am persuaded, prevent the scurvy from making any progress for a considerable while. But I am not altogether of opinion that it will cure it at sea.

“ *Sow Kront*, of which we had a large quantity, is not only a wholesome vegetable food, but, in my judgment, highly antiscorbutic; and it spoils not by keeping. A pound of this was served to each man, when at sea, twice a week, or oftener, as was thought necessary.

“ *Portable Broth* was another great article, of which we had a large supply. An ounce of this to each man, or such other proportion as circumstances pointed out, was boiled in their pease, three days in the week; and when we were in places where vegetables were to be got, it was boiled with them, and wheat or oatmeal, every morning for breakfast; and also with pease and vegetables for dinner. It enabled us to make several nourishing and wholesome messes, and was the means of making the people eat a greater quantity of vegetables than they would otherwise have done.

assignment of Sir Godfrey Copley's medal. CAPTAIN Cook was not himself present, to hear the

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" *Rob of Lemon and Orange*, is an antiscorbutic we were not without. The surgeon made use of it in many cases, with great success.

" Amongst the articles of victualling, we were supplied with *Sugar* in the room of *Oil*, and with *Wheat* for a part of our *Oatmeal*, and were certainly gainers by the exchange. Sugar, I apprehend, is a very good antiscorbutic, whereas oil (such as the navy is usually supplied with), I am of opinion has the contrary effect.

" But the introduction of the most salutary articles, either as provisions or medicines, will generally prove unsuccessful, unless supported by certain regulations.

" On this principle, many years experience, together with some hints I had from Sir Hugh Palliser, Captain Campbell, Wallis, and other intelligent officers, enabled me to lay a plan whereby all was to be governed.

" The crew were at three watches, except upon some extraordinary occasions. By this means they were not so much exposed to the weather as if they had been at watch and watch; and had generally dry cloaths to shift themselves, when they happened to get wet. Care was also taken to expose them as little to wet weather as possible.

" Proper methods were used to keep their persons hammocks, bedding, cloaths, &c. constantly clean and dry. Equal care was taken to keep the ship clean and dry betwixt decks. Once or twice a week she was aired with fires; and when this could not be done, she was smoked with gunpowder, mixed with vinegar or water. I had also, frequently, a fire made in an iron pot, at the bottom of the well, which was of great use in purifying the air in the lower parts of the ship. To this, and to cleanliness, as well in the ship as amongst the

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discourse of the President, and to receive the honour conferred upon him. Some months before

" people, too great attention cannot be paid: the least
" neglect occasions a putrid and disagreeable smell below,
" which nothing but fires will remove.

" Proper attention was paid to the ship's coppers, so
" that they were kept constantly clean.

" The fat, which boiled out of the salt beef and
" pork, I never suffered to be given to the people; being
" of opinion that it promotes the scurvy.

" I was careful to take in water wherever it was to
" be got, even though we did not want it. Because I
" look upon fresh water from the shore, to be more
" wholesome than that which has been kept some time
" on board a ship. Of this essential article we were never
" at an allowance, but had always plenty for every necessary
" purpose. Navigators in general cannot, indeed,
" expect, nor would they wish to meet with such advantages
" in this respect, as fell to my lot. The nature of
" our voyage carried us into very high latitudes. But the
" hardships and dangers inseparable from that situation,
" were in some degree compensated by the singular felicity
" we enjoyed, of extracting inexhaustible supplies of
" fresh water from an ocean strewed with ice.

" We came to few places, where either the art of
" man, or the bounty of nature, had not provided some
" sort of refreshment or other, either in the animal or
" vegetable way. It was my first care to procure whatever
" of any kind could be met with, by every means in my
" power; and to oblige our people to make use thereof,
" both by my example and authority; but the benefits arising
" from refreshments of any kind soon became so
" obvious, that I had little occasion to recommend the
" one, or to exert the other *."

In a letter which Captain Cook wrote to Sir John Pringle, just before he embarked on his last voyage, dated Plymouth

* Vol. II. p. 289 --- 292,

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the anniversary of St. Andrew's day, he had sailed on his last expedition. The medal, therefore, was delivered into the hands of Mrs. Cook, whose satisfaction at being entrusted with so valuable a pledge of her husband's reputation cannot be questioned. Neither can it be doubted, but that the Captain, before his departure from England, was fully apprized of the mark of distinction which was intended for him by the Royal Society.

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Captain Cook, after the conclusion of his second voyage, was called upon to appear in the world in the character of an author. In the account that was published, by authority, of his former circum-navigation of the globe, as well as of those which had been performed by the Captains Byron, Carteret, and Wallis, it was thought requisite to procure the assistance of a professed literary man, whose business it should be to draw up a narrative from the several journals of these

Sound, July 7, 1776, he expressed himself as follows:
 "I entirely agree with you, that the dearth of the rob
 "of lemons and of oranges will hinder them from being
 "furnished in large quantities. But I do not think this
 "so necessary; for, though they may assist other things,
 "I have no great opinion of them alone. Nor have I a higher
 "opinion of vinegar. My people had it very sparingly du
 "ring the late voyage, and, towards the latter part, none
 "at all; and yet we experienced no ill effect from the
 "want of it. The custom of washing the inside of the ship
 "with vinegar, I seldom observed; thinking that fire and
 "smoke answered the purpose much better *."

* Sir John Pringle's Six Discourses, p. 200.

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Commanders. Accordingly, Dr. Hawkesworth, as is universally known, was employed for the purpose. In the present case, it was not esteemed necessary to have recourse to such an expedient. Captain Cook was justly regarded as sufficiently qualified to relate his own story. His journal only required to be divided into chapters, and perhaps to be amended by a few verbal corrections. It is not speaking extravagantly to say, that, in point of composition, his history of his voyage reflects upon him no small degree of credit. His style is natural, clear, and manly; being well adapted to the subject and to his own character; and it is possible that a pen of more studied elegance would not have given any additional advantage to the narration. It was not till some time after Captain Cook's leaving England that the work was published; but, in the mean while, the superintendence of it was undertaken by his learned and valuable friend, Dr. Douglas, whose late promotion to the mitre hath afforded pleasure to every literary man, of every denomination. When the Voyage appeared, it came recommended by the accuracy and excellence of its charts, and by a great variety of engravings, from the curious and beautiful drawings of Mr. Hodges. This work was followed by the publication of the original astronomical observations, which had been made by Mr. Wales in the Resolution, and by Mr. Bayley in the Adventure. It was at the expence of the Commissioners of Longitude that these observati-

ons were made, and it was by their order that they were printed. The book of Mr Wales and Mr. Bayley displays, in the strongest light, the scientific use and value of Captain Cook's voyage *. C H A P.
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Some of the circumstances which have now been mentioned, have designedly been brought forward more early in point of time than should otherwise have been done, in order to prevent any interruption in the course of the subsequent narrative.

Though Captain Cook was expected to sit down in repose, after his toils and labours, the design of farther discoveries was not laid aside. The illusion, indeed, of a *terra Australis incognita*, to any purposes of commerce, colonization, and utility, had been dispelled; but there was another grand question which remained to be determined; and that was the practicability of a northern passage to the Pacific Ocean.

* Beside the works which came from authority, Mr. George Forster published, in two volumes, quarto, "A Voyage round the World, in his Britannic Majesty's sloop, Resolution." This appeared in 1777. The next year, Dr. John Reinhold Forster communicated to the public, in one volume, quarto, "Observations made during a Voyage round the World, on Physical Geography, Natural History, and Ethic Philosophy". It need not be said, that these works contain much curious and useful information. Mr. George Forster having been thought to be guilty of some misrepresentations with regard to certain facts, Mr. Wales wrote remarks upon his book, to which Mr. Forster replied. As to one or two hasty and premature attempts to gratify the public curiosity, they are not worthy to be noticed.

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It had long been a favourite object with navigators, and particularly with the English, to discover a shorter, a more commodious, and a more profitable course of sailing to Japan and China, and, indeed, to the East Indies in general, than by making the tedious circuit of the Cape of Good Hope. To find a western passage round North America, had been attempted by several bold adventurers, from Frobisher's first voyage, in 1576, to those of James and of Fox, in 1631. By these expeditions a large addition was made to the knowledge of the northern extent of America, and Hudson's and Baffin's Bays were discovered. But the wished-for passage, on that side, into the Pacific Ocean, was still unattained. Nor were the various attempts of our countrymen, and of the Dutch, to find such a passage, by sailing round the north of Asia; in an eastern direction, attended with better success. Wood's failure, in 1676, appears to have concluded the long list of unfortunate expeditions in that century. The discovery, if not absolutely despaired of, had been unsuccessful in such a number of instances, that it ceased, for many years, to be an object of pursuit*.

The question was again revived in the present century. Mr. Dobbs, a warm advocate for the probability of a north-west passage through Hudson's Bay, once more recalled the attention

* Introduction to Captain Cook's Voyage to the Pacific Ocean, p. xxviii.

of this country to that undertaking. In consequence of the spirit by him excited, Captain Middleton was sent out by Government in 1741, and Captains Smith and Moore in 1746. But, though an act of Parliament had been passed, which secured a reward of twenty thousand pounds to the discovery of a passage, the accomplishment of this favourite object continued at as great a distance as ever *.

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To ascertain a matter of such importance and magnitude in navigation, was reserved to be another glory of his present majesty's reign. The idea was peculiarly suited to the enlightened mind of the noble lord at the head of the Admiralty, and he adopted it with ardour. Preparatory to the execution of the design, Lord Mulgrave sailed with two ships, to determine how far navigation was practicable towards the north pole. In this expedition, his lordship met with the same insuperable difficulties which had been experienced by former voyagers. Nevertheless, the expectation of opening a communication between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, by a northerly course, was not abandoned; and it was resolved that a voyage should be undertaken for that purpose †.

For the conduct of an enterprize, the operations of which were intended to be so new, so

* Introduction to Captain Cook's Voyage to the Pacific Ocean, p. xxix.

† Ibid. p. xxix. xxx.

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1776. great ability, skill, and experience were indispensably necessary †. That Captain Cook was of all men the best qualified for carrying it into execution, was a matter that could not be called in question. But, however ardently it might be wished that he would take upon him the command of the service, no one (not even his friend and patron, Lord Sandwich himself) presumed to solicit him upon the subject. The benefits he had already conferred on science and navigation, and the labours and dangers he had gone through, were so many and great, that it was not deemed reasonable to ask him to engage in fresh perils. At the same time, nothing could be more natural than to consult him upon every thing relative to the business; and his advice was particularly requested with regard to the properest person for conducting the voyage. To determine this point, the Captain, Sir Hugh Palliser, and Mr. Stephens were invited to Lord Sandwich's to dinner. Here, besides taking into consideration what officer should be recommended to his Majesty for accomplishing the purposes in view, many things were said concerning the nature of the design. Its grandeur and dignity, the consequences of it to navigation and science, and the completion it would give to the whole system of discoveries, were enlarged upon in the course of the conversation. Captain Cook was so fired

† Introduction, ubi supra, p. xxix. xxx.

with the contemplation and representation of the object, that he started up, and declared, that he himself would undertake the direction of the enterprize. It is easy to suppose, with what pleasure the noble lord, and the other gentlemen, received a proposal which was so agreeable to their secret wishes, and which they thought of the highest importance towards attaining the ends of the voyage *. No time was lost by the Earl of Sandwich, in laying the matter before the King; and Captain Cook was appointed to the command of the expedition, on the tenth of February, 1776 †. At the same time, it was agreed, that, on his return to England, he should be restored to his situation at Greenwich; and, if no vacancy occurred during the interval, the officer who succeeded him was to resign in his favour ††.

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The command and the direction of the enterprize being thus happily settled, it became an object of great importance to determine what might be the best course that could be given to the voyage. All former navigators round the globe had returned to Europe by the Cape of Good Hope. But to Captain Cook the arduous task was now assigned of attempting it by reaching the high northern latitudes between Asia and America; and the adoption of this resolution was,

* From the information of the Right Honourable the Earl of Sandwich.

† From the books of the Admiralty.

†† From Lord Sandwich's information.

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I believe, the result of his own reflections upon the subject. The usual plan, therefore, of discovery was reversed; so that instead of a passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific, one from the latter into the former was to be tried. Whatever openings or inlets there might be on the east side of America, that lie in a direction which could afford any hopes of a passage, it was wisely foreseen that the ultimate success of the expedition would depend upon there being an open sea between the west side of that continent and the extremities of Asia. Accordingly Captain Cook was ordered to proceed into the Pacific Ocean, through the chain of the new islands which had been visited by him in the southern tropic. After having crossed the equator into the northern parts of that ocean, he was then to hold such a course as might probably fix many interesting points in geography, and produce intermediate discoveries, in his progress northward to the principal scene of his operations*. With regard to his grand object, it was determined, for the wisest reasons, and after the most mature deliberation and enquiry, that upon his arrival on the coast of New Albion, he should proceed northward as far as the latitude of 65°, and not lose any time in exploring rivers or inlets, or upon any other account, until he had gotten into that latitude†.

* Introduction, ubi supra, p. xxx, xxxi.

† See these reasons represented at large in the admjr.

To give every possible encouragement to the prosecution of the great design in view, the motives of interest were added to the obligations of duty. In the act of Parliament which passed in 1745, the reward of twenty thousand pounds had been only held out to the ships *belonging to any of his Majesty's subjects*, while his Majesty's own ships were excluded. Another, and more capital defect of this act was, that it confined the reward to such ships alone as should discover a passage through Hudson's Bay. By a new law, which passed in 1776, both these deficiencies were effectually remedied. It was now enacted, "That if any ship belonging to any of his Majesty's subjects, or *to his Majesty*, shall find out, and sail through, any passage by sea, between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, in any direction, or parallel of the northern hemisphere, to the northward of the 52° of northern latitude, the owners of such ships, if belonging to any of his Majesty's subjects, or *the commander, officers, and seamen of such ship belonging to his Majesty*, shall receive, as a reward for such discovery, the sum of twenty thousand pounds *."

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able Introduction to Captain Cook's last voyage; together with a curious and interesting account, never before published, of the methods which have been taken by the Hudson's Bay Company, to explore the western parts of North America, extending from that bay, p. xl. — ll.

* Introduction, ubi supra, p. xxxv, xxxvi;

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That every thing might be done which could facilitate the success of the grand expedition, Lieutenant Pickersgill was sent out, in 1776, with directions to explore the coasts of Baffin's Bay; and, in the next year, Lieutenant Young was commissioned not only to examine the western parts of that bay, but to endeavour to find a passage, on that side, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. Nothing was performed by either of these gentlemen that promoted the purposes of Captain Cook's voyage †.

Two vessels were fixed upon by government for the intended service; the Resolution, and the Discovery. The command of the former was given to Captain Cook, and of the other to Captain Clerke. To the Resolution was assigned the same complement of officers and men which she had during her preceding voyage; and the only difference in the establishment of the Discovery from that of the Adventure, was in the single instance of her having no marine officer on board.

From the time of the two ships being put into commission, the greatest degree of attention and zeal was exerted by the Earl of Sandwich, and the rest of the Board of Admiralty, to have them equipped in the most complete manner. Both the vessels were supplied with as much of every necessary article as could conveniently be stowed, and with the best of each kind that could be pro-

* Introduction, ubi supra, p. xxxvii — xl.

cured. Whatever, likewise, the experience of the former voyages had shewn to be of any utility in preserving the health of seamen, was provided in a large abundance. That some permanent benefit might be conveyed to the inhabitants of Otaheite, and of the other islands of the Pacific Ocean, whom our navigators might happen to visit, it was graciously commanded by his Majesty that an assortment of useful animals should be carried out to those countries. Accordingly, a bull, two cows with their calves, and several sheep, with hay and corn for their subsistence, were taken on board; and it was intended to add other serviceable animals to these, when Captain Cook should arrive at the Cape of Good Hope. With the same benevolent purposes, the Captain was furnished with a sufficient quantity of such of our European garden seeds, as could not fail of being a valuable present to the newly-discovered islands, by adding fresh supplies of food to their own vegetable productions. By order of the Board of Admiralty, many articles besides were delivered to our Commander, which were calculated, in various ways, to improve the condition of the natives of the other hemisphere. Still farther to promote a friendly intercourse with them, and to carry on a traffic that might be profitable on both sides, an ample assortment was provided of iron tools and trinkets. An attention no less humane was extended to the wants of our own people. Some additional clothing, adapted to a cold climate, was

CHAP. ordered for the crews of the two ships; and
 VI. nothing was denied to our navigators that could
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 health, or even to their convenience.

It was not to these things only that the extraordinary care of Lord Sandwich, and of the other gentlemen at the head of the naval department, was confined. They were equally solicitous to afford every assistance that was calculated to render the expedition of public utility. Several astronomical and nautical instruments were intrusted, by the Board of Longitude, to Captain Cook, and Mr. King his second Lieutenant, who had undertaken to make the necessary observations, during the voyage, for the improvement of astronomy and navigation. It was originally intended that a professed observator should be sent out in the Resolution; but the scientific abilities of the Captain and his lieutenant rendered the appointment of such a person absolutely unnecessary. The case was somewhat different with regard to the Discovery. Mr. William Bayley, who had already given satisfactory proofs of his skill and diligence as an observator, while he was employed in Captain Furneaux's ship, during the late voyage, was engaged a second time, in that capacity, and appointed to sail on board Captain Clerke's vessel. The department of natural history was assigned to Mr. Anderson, the surgeon of the Resolution, who was as willing as he was well qualified, to describe every thing in that branch of science which

should occur worthy of notice. From the remarks of this gentleman, Captain Cook had derived considerable assistance in his last navigation; especially with regard to the very copious vocabulary of the language of Otaheite, and the comparative specimen of the languages of the other islands which had then been visited. There were several young men among our Commander's sea officers, who, under his direction, could be usefully employed in constructing charts, in taking views of the coasts and headlands near which our voyagers might pass, and in drawing plans of the bays and harbours in which they should anchor. Without a constant attention to this object, the Captain was sensible that his discoveries could not be rendered profitable to future navigators. That he might go out with every help which could serve to make the result of the voyage entertaining to the generality of readers, as well as instructive to the sailor and the scholar, Mr. Webber was fixed upon, and engaged to embark in the *Resolution*, for the express purpose of supplying the unavoidable imperfections of written accounts, by enabling our people to preserve, and to bring home, such drawings of the most memorable scenes of their transactions, as could only be executed by a professed and skilful artist.

As the last mark of the extraordinary attention which the Earl of Sandwich, Sir Hugh Palliser, and others of the Board of Admiralty had uniformly shewn to the preparations for the expedi-

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tion, they went down to Long Reach, and paid a visit to the ships, on the eighth of June, to examine whether every thing was completed conformably to their intentions and orders, and to the satisfaction of all who were to embark in the voyage. His lordship and the rest of the Admiralty Board, together with several noble men and gentlemen of their acquaintance, honoured Captain Cook, on that day, with their company at dinner. Both upon their coming on board and their going ashore, they were saluted with seventeen guns, and with three cheers.

As the ships were to touch at Otaheite and the Society Islands, it had been determined not to omit the only opportunity which might ever offer of carrying Omai back to his native country. Accordingly, he left London, on the twenty-fourth of June, in company with Captain Cook, and it was with a mixture of regret and satisfaction that he took his departure. When England, and those who, during his stay, had honoured him with their protection or friendship were spoken of, his spirits were sensibly affected, and it was with difficulty that he could refrain from tears. But his eyes began to sparkle with joy, as soon as ever the conversation was turned to his own islands. The good treatment he received in England had made a deep impression upon his mind; and he entertained the highest ideas of the country and of the people. Nevertheless the pleasing prospect he now had before him of returning home, loaded with what, he well

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knew, would there be esteemed invaluable treasures, and the flattering hope which the possession of these afforded him of attaining to a distinguished superiority among his countrymen, were considerations which operated, by degrees, to suppress every uneasy sensation. By the time he had gotten on board the ship, he appeared to be quite happy.

His Majesty had furnished Omai with an ample provision of every article which our English navigators, during their former intercourse with Otaheite and the Society Islands, had observed to be in any estimation there, either as useful or ornamental. Many presents, likewise, of the same nature, had been made him by Lord Sandwich, Sir Joseph Banks, and several other gentlemen and ladies of his acquaintance. In short, both during his residence in England, and at his departure from it, no method had been neglected, which could be calculated to render him the instrument of conveying to the inhabitants of the islands of the Pacific Ocean, the most exalted ideas of the greatness and generosity of the British nation*.

* Captain Cook's Voyage to the Pacific Ocean, Vol. i.
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CHAPTER THE SEVENTH.

The History of Captain Cook's Life, from the Commencement of his Voyage to the Pacific Ocean, to his Death.

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EVERY preparation for the voyage being completed, Captain Cook received an order to proceed to Plymouth, and to take the *Discovery* under his command. Having, accordingly, given the proper directions to Captain Clerke, he sailed from the Nore to the Downs, on the twenty-fifth of June. On the thirtieth of the same month, he anchored in Plymouth Sound, where the *Discovery* was already arrived. It was the eighth of July before our Commander received his instructions for the voyage; and, at the same time, he was ordered to proceed, with the *Resolution*, to the Cape of Good Hope. Captain Clerke, who was detained in London by some unavoidable circumstances, was to follow, as soon as he should join his ship.

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In the evening of the twelfth, Captain Cook stood out of Plymouth Sound, and pursued his course down the channel. It was very early that he began his judicious operations for preserving the health of his crew; for, on the seventeenth, the ship was smoked between the decks with gunpowder, and the spare sails were well aired.

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On the thirtieth, the moon being totally eclipsed, the Captain observed it with a night telescope. He had not, on this occasion, an opportunity of making many observations. The reason was, that the moon was hidden behind the clouds the greatest part of the time; and this was particularly the case, when the beginning and the end of total darkness, and the end of the eclipse, happened.

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It being found that there was not hay and corn sufficient for the subsistence of the stock of animals on board, till the arrival of our people at the Cape of Good Hope, Captain Cook determined to touch at Teneriffe. This island he thought better adapted to the purposes of procuring these articles; and other refreshments, than Madeira. On the first of August, he anchored in the road of Santa Cruz, and immediately dispatched an officer to the Governor, who, with the utmost politeness, granted every thing which our Commander requested.

1 August.

Were a judgment to be formed from the appearance of the country in the neighbourhood of Santa Cruz, it might be concluded that Teneriffe is so barren a spot, as to be insufficient for the maintenance even of its own inhabitants. It was proved, however, by the ample supplies which our navigators received; that the islanders had enough to spare for visitors. The necessary articles of refreshment were procured at such moderate prices, as to confirm Captain Cook in his opinion, that Teneriffe is a more eligible

CHAP. place than Madeira, for ships to touch at which
VII. are bound on long voyages. Indeed, the wine
1776. of the latter island is far superior to that of the
former; but then it can only be purchased by a
sum of money proportionally larger.

During the short stay which the Captain made at Teneriffe, he continued with great assiduity his astronomical observations; and Mr. Anderson has not a little contributed to the farther knowledge of the country, by his remarks on its general state, its natural appearances, its productions, and its inhabitants. He learned from a sensible and well informed gentleman, who resided in the island, that a shrub is common there, which agrees exactly with the description given by Tournefort and Linnæus, of the *tea shrub*, as growing in China and Japan. It is reckoned a weed, and every year is rooted out in large quantities from the vineyards. The Spaniards, however, sometimes use it as tea, and ascribe to it all the qualities of that which is imported from China. They give it also the name of tea, and say that it was found in the country when the islands were first discovered. Another botanical curiosity is called the *impregnated lemon*; which is a perfect and distinct lemon, enclosed within another, and differing from the outer one only in being a little more globular.

The air and climate of Teneriffe are, in general, remarkably healthful, and particularly adapted to give relief, in pulmonary complaints.

This the gentleman before mentioned endeavoured to account for from its being always in a person's power to procure a different temperature of the air, by residing at different heights in the island. He expressed, therefore, his surprize that the physicians of England should never have thought of sending their consumptive patients to Teneriffe, instead of Nice or Lisbon.

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Although it is not understood that there is any great similarity between the manners of the English and those of the Spaniards, it was observable, that the difference between them was very little perceived by Omai. He only said, that the Spaniards did not appear to be so friendly as the English; and that, in their persons, they approached to some resemblance of his own countrymen *.

On the fourth, Captain Cook sailed from Teneriffe, and proceeded on his voyage. Such was his attention, both to the discipline and the health of his company, that twice in the space of five days, he exercised them at great guns and small arms, and cleared and smoked the ship below decks. On the evening of the tenth, when the Resolution was at a small distance from the island of Bonavista, she ran so close upon a number of sunken rocks, that she did but just weather the breakers. The situation of our voyagers, for a few minutes, was very

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* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 8—28.

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 VII. intrepid coolness which distinguished his character,
 1776. did not chuse to sound, as that, without any possibility of lessening, might have heightened the danger.

While our Commander was near the Cape de Verde Islands, he had an opportunity of correcting an assertion of Mr. Nichelson's, with regard to the manner of sailing by those islands, which, if implicitly trusted to, might prove of dangerous consequence. On the thirteenth, our navigators arrived before Port Praya, in the Island of St. Jago; but as the Discovery was not there, and little water had been expended in the passage from Teneriffe, Captain Cook did not think proper to go in; but stood to the southward.

13 August.

In the course of the voyage, between the latitudes of 12° and 7° north, the weather was generally dark and gloomy. The rains were frequent, and accompanied with that close and sultry weather which too often brings on sickness, in this passage. At such a time the worst consequences are to be apprehended; and commanders of ships cannot be too much upon their guard. It is necessary for them to purify the air between decks with fires and smoke, and to oblige their people to dry their clothes at every opportunity. The constant observance of these precautions on board the Resolution, was attended with such success, that the Captain had now fewer sick men than on either of his former voyages. This was the more remarkable, as, in consequence of

the seams of the vessel having opened so wide as to admit the rain when it fell, there was scarcely a man who could lie dry in his bed; and the officers in the gun-room were all driven out of their cabbins by the water that came through the sides. When settled weather returned, the caulkers were employed in repairing these defects, by caulking the decks and inside weather-works of the ship; for the humanity of our Commander would not trust the workmen over the sides, while the Resolution was at sea.

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On the first of September, our navigators crossed the equator *. While, on the eighth, Captain Cook was near the eastern coast of Brazil, he was at considerable pains to settle its longitude, which, till some better astronomical observations are made on shore in that country, he concluded to be thirty-five degrees and a half, or thirty-six degrees west, at most.

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As our people proceeded on their voyage, they frequently saw, in the night, those luminous marine animals which have formerly been mentioned and described. Some of them appeared to be considerably larger than any which the Captain had met with before; and sometimes they were so numerous, that hundreds of them were visible at the same moment.

On the eighteenth of October, the Resolution came to an anchor in Table Bay, at the Cape of Good Hope; and the usual compliments having

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* This was in the longitude of $27^{\circ} 18'$ west.

CHAP. VII. been paid to Baron Plettenberg the Governor,
 1776. Captain Cook immediately applied himself to his
 31 Oct. customary operations. Nothing remarkable occurred till the evening of the thirty-first, when a tempest arose from the south-east, which lasted three days, and which was so violent, that the Resolution was the only ship in the bay that rode out the gale without dragging her anchors. The effects of the storm were sensibly felt by our people on shore; for their tents and observatory were torn to pieces, and their astronomical quadrant narrowly escaped irreparable damage.
 3 Nov. On the third of November, the tempest ceased, and the next day the English were enabled to resume their different employments.

10. It was not till the tenth of the month that Captain Cook had the satisfaction of seeing the Discovery arrive in the bay, and effect her junction with the Resolution. She had sailed from England on the first of August, and would have reached the Cape of Good Hope a week sooner, if she had not been driven from the coast by the late storm. Every assistance was immediately given to put her into a proper condition for proceeding on the voyage.

While the necessary preparations for the future navigation were completing, a disaster happened with regard to the cattle which had been carried out in the Resolution. They had been conveyed on shore for the purpose of grazing. The bull, and two cows, with their calves, had been sent to graze along with some other cattle; but

Captain Cook was advised to keep the sheep, which were sixteen in number, close to the tents, where they were penned up every evening. During the night preceding the fourteenth, some dogs having gotten in among them, forced them out of the pen, killed four, and dispersed the rest. Six of them were recovered the next day; but the two rams, and two of the finest ewes in the whole flock, were amongst those which were missing. Baron Plettenberg being at this time in the country, our commander applied to Mr. Hemmy, the lieutenant governor, and to the fiscal, for redress; and both these gentlemen promised to use their endeavours for the recovery of the lost sheep. It is the boast of the Dutch, that the police at the Cape is so carefully executed, that it is scarcely possible for a slave, with all his cunning and knowledge of the country, to effectuate his escape. Nevertheless, Captain Cook's sheep evaded all the vigilance of the fiscal's officers and people. At length, after much trouble and expence, by employing some of the meanest and lowest scoundrels in the place, he recovered all but the two ewes, of which he never could hear the least tidings. The character given of the fellows to whom the Captain was obliged to have recourse, by the person who recommended their being applied to, was, that for a ducatoon they would cut their master's throat, burn the house over his head, and bury him and the whole family in the ashes.

During the stay of our voyagers at the Cape,

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some of the officers, accompanied by Mr. Anderson, made a short excursion into the neighbouring country. This gentleman, as usual, was very diligent in recording every thing which appeared to him worthy of observation. His remarks, however, in the present case, will be deemed of little consequence, compared with the full, accurate, and curious account of the Cape of Good Hope, with which Dr. Sparrman hath lately favoured the literary world.

With respect to Captain Cook, besides the unavoidable care which lay upon him, in providing his ships with whatever was requisite for the commodious and successful prosecution of the voyage, his attention was eminently directed to scientific objects. He was anxious to ascertain the currents, the variations of the compass, and the latitude and longitude of the places to which he came. The observations which he collected, and recorded in his journal, while he was at the Cape of Good Hope, will be esteemed of the greatest importance by judicious navigators *.

After the disaster which had happened to the sheep, it may well be supposed that our Commander did not long trust on shore those which remained. Accordingly, he gave orders to have them, and the other cattle, conveyed on board as fast as possible. He made an addition, also, to the original stock, by the purchase of two young bulls, two heifers, two young stone-horses, two mares, two rams, several ewes and

* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 29-50.

goats, and some rabbits and poultry. All these animals were intended for New Zealand, Otaheite, and the neighbouring island; and, indeed, for any other places, in the course of the voyage, where the leaving of any of them might be of service to posterity.

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In the supplies which were provided at the Cape, Captain Cook paid a particular regard to the nature and extent of his undertaking. As it was impossible to tell when, or where, he might meet with a place which could so amply contribute to his necessities, he thought proper to lay in such a store of provisions for both ships, as would be sufficient to last them for two years and upwards.

Our Commander having given a copy of his instructions to Captain Clerke, and an order directing him how to proceed in case of a separation, weighed from Table Bay on the thirtieth of November, though it was not till the third of December that he got clear of the land. On the sixth, the ships passed through several spots of water, nearly of a red colour. When some of this was taken up, it was found to contain a large quantity of small animals, of a reddish hue, and which the microscope discovered to resemble a cray-fish. As our navigators pursued their course to the south-east, a very strong gale, which they had from the westward, was followed by a mountainous sea, in consequence of which the Resolution rolled and tumbled so much, that the cattle on board were preserved with the

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 VII. goats, especially the males, together with some
 1776. sheep, died, notwithstanding all the care to prevent it that was exercised by our people. This misfortune was chiefly owing to the coldness of the weather, which now began to be felt in the most sensible manner.

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On the twelfth, land was seen, which, upon a nearer approach, was found to consist of two islands. That which lies most to the south and is the largest, was judged by Captain Cook to be about fifteen leagues in circuit. The northerly one is about nine leagues in circuit; and the two islands are at the distance of five leagues from each other *. As the ships passed through the channel between them, our voyagers could not discover, with the assistance of their best glasses, either tree or shrub on either of them. They seemed to have a rocky and bold shore, and their surface is for the most part composed of barren mountains, the summits and sides of which were covered with snow. These two islands, together with four others, which lie from nine to twelve degrees of longitude more to the east, and nearly in the same latitude, had been discovered by Captains Marion du Fresne, and Crozet, French navigators, in January 1772, on their passage, in two ships, from the Cape of

* The largest island lies in latitude $46^{\circ} 53'$ south, and in longitude $37^{\circ} 46'$ east; and the smaller one in latitude $46^{\circ} 4'$ south, and in $38^{\circ} 8'$ east longitude.

Good Hope to the Philippine Islands. As no names had been assigned to them in a chart of the Southern Ocean, which Captain Crozet communicated to Captain Cook in 1775, our Commander distinguished the two larger ones by calling them PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLANDS, after his Majesty's fourth son. To the other four, with a view of commemorating the discoverers, he gave the name of MARION'S and CROZET'S ISLANDS.

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Though it was now the middle of summer in this hemisphere, the weather was not less severe than what is generally met with in England in the very depth of winter. Instead, however, of being discouraged by this circumstance, the Captain shaped his course in such a manner as to pass to the southward of Marion's and Crozet's Islands, that he might get into the latitude of land which had been discovered by Monsieur de Kerguelen, another French navigator. It was part of our Commander's instructions to examine whether a good harbour might not here be found.

As our voyagers, on the twenty-fourth, were steering to the eastward, a fog clearing up a little, which had involved them for some time, and which had rendered their navigation both tedious and dangerous, land was seen, bearing south-south-east. Upon a nearer approach, it was found to be an island of considerable height, and about three leagues in circuit. Another island, of the same magnitude, was soon after discovered, and in a short space a

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CHAP. VII. 1776. third, besides some smaller ones. At times, as the fog broke away, there was the appearance of land over the small islands, and Captain Cook entertained thoughts of steering for it, by running in between them. But, on drawing nearer, he found that, so long as the weather continued foggy, this would be a perilous attempt. For if there should be no passage, or if our people should meet with any sudden danger, there was such a prodigious sea, breaking on all the shores in a frightful surf, that it would have been impossible for the vessels to be gotten off. At the same time, the Captain saw another island; and, as he did not know how many more might succeed, he judged it prudent, in order to avoid getting entangled among unknown lands in a thick fog, to wait for clearer weather.

The island last mentioned is a high round rock, which was named **BLIGH'S CAP** *. Our Commander had received some very slight information concerning it at Teneriffe, and his sagacity in tracing it was such as immediately led him to determine that it was the same that Monsieur de Kerguelen had called the *Ile of Rendezvous*. His reason for giving it that name is not very apparent; for nothing can rendezvous upon it but fowls of the air, it being certainly inaccessible to every other animal. The weather beginning to clear up, Captain Cook steered in for

* The latitude of Bligh's Cap is $48^{\circ} 29'$ south, and its longitude $68^{\circ} 40'$ east.

the land, of which a faint view had been obtained in the morning. This was Kerguelen's Land. No sooner had our navigators gotten off Cape François, than they observed the coast, to the southward, to be much indented by projecting points and bays; from which circumstance they were sure of finding a good harbour. Accordingly, such a harbour was speedily discovered, in which the ships came to an anchor on the twenty-fifth, being Christmas Day. Upon landing, our Commander found the shore almost entirely covered with penguins and other birds, and with seals. The latter, which were not numerous, having been unaccustomed to visitors, were so insensible of fear, that as many as were wanted, for the purpose of making use of their fat or blubber, were killed without difficulty. Fresh water was so plentiful, that every gully afforded a large stream; but not a single tree or shrub, or the least sign of it, could be met with, and but very little herbage of any sort. Before Captain Cook returned to his ship, he ascended the first ridge of rocks, that rise in a kind of amphitheatre, above one another, in hopes of obtaining a view of the country; in which, however, he was disappointed; for, previously to his reaching the top, there came on so thick a fog, that he could scarcely find his way down again. In the evening, the seine was hauled at the head of the harbour, but only half a dozen small fish were caught. As no better success attended a trial which was made the next day

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with hook and line, the only resource for fresh provision was in birds, the store of which was inexhaustible.

The people having wrought hard for two days, and nearly completed their water, the Captain allowed them the twenty-seventh, as a day of rest, to celebrate Christmas. Many of them, in consequence of this indulgence, went on shore, and made excursions, in different directions, into the country, which they found barren and desolate in the highest degree. One of them, in his ramble, discovered, and brought to our Commander, in the evening, a quart bottle, fastened with some wire to a projecting rock on the north side of the harbour. This bottle contained a piece of parchment, on which was written the following inscription:

*Ludovico XV. Galliarum
rege et d. * de Boynes
regi a Secretis ad Res
maritimas annis 1772 et
1773.*

It was clear, from this inscription, that our English navigators were not the first who had been in the place. As a memorial of our peoples having touched at the same harbour, Captain

* The (*d.*) is doubtless a contraction for the word *Domino*. Monsieur de Boynes was then the secretary of the French marine.

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Cook wrote, as follows, on the other side of the parchment:

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*Naves Resolution
et Discovery
de Rege Magnæ Britannia,
Decembris 1776.*

He then put it again into a bottle, together with a silver two-penny piece of 1772. Having covered the mouth of the bottle with a leaden cap, he placed it, the next morning, in a pile of stones erected for the purpose, upon a little eminence on the north shore of the harbour, and near to the place where it was first found. In this position it cannot escape the notice of any European, whom accident or design may bring into the port. Here the Captain displayed the British flag, and named the place CHRISTMAS HARBOUR, from our voyagers having arrived in it on that festival.

After our Commander had finished the business of the inscription, he went in his boat round the harbour, to examine what the shore afforded. His more particular object was to look for drift-wood; but he did not find a single piece throughout the whole extent of the place. On the same day, accompanied by Mr. King, his second Lieutenant, he went upon Cape François, with the hope, that, from this elevation, he might obtain a view of the sea-coast, and of the adjoin-

CHAP. ing islands. But when he had gotten up, he
 VII. found that every distant object below him was
 1776. obscured in a thick fog. The land on the same
 plain, or of a greater height, was sufficiently
 visible, and appeared naked and desolate in the
 highest degree; some hills to the southward
 excepted, which were covered with snow.

22 Dec. On the twenty-ninth, Captain Cook departed
 from Christmas Harbour, and proceeded to range
 along the coast, with a view of discovering its
 position and extent. In pursuing his course, he
 met with several promontories and bays, toge-
 ther with a peninsula, all of which he has
 described and named, chiefly in honour of his
 various friends. Such was the danger of the
 navigation, that the ships had more than once a
 very narrow escape. On the same day, another
 harbour was discovered, in which the vessels
 came to an anchor for one night. Here the Cap-
 tain, Mr. Gore, and Mr. Bayley went on shore,
 to examine the country, which they found, if
 possible, more barren and desolate than the land
 that lies about Christmas harbour: and yet, if
 the least fertility were any where to be expected,
 it ought to have existed in this place, which is
 completely sheltered from the bleak and predomin-
 ating southerly and westerly winds. Our Com-
 mander observed, with regret, that there was
 neither food nor covering for cattle of any sort;
 and that, if he left any, they must inevitably
 perish. Finding no encouragement to continue
 his researches, he weighed anchor and put to
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sea on the thirtieth, having given to the harbour the name of PORT PALLISER *. On the same day he came to a point, which proved to be the very eastern extremity of Kerguelen's Land †. In a large bay, near this point, there was a prodigious quantity of sea-weed, some of which is of a most extraordinary length. It seemed to be the same kind of vegetable production that Sir Joseph Banks had formerly distinguished by the appellation of *Fucus Giganteus*. Although the stem is not much thicker than a man's hand, Captain Cook thought himself well warranted to say, that part of it grows to the length of sixty fathoms and upward.

The result of the examination of Kerguelen's Land was, that the quantity of latitude which it occupies doth not much exceed one degree and a quarter. Its extent, from east to west, still remains undecided. At its first discovery, it was probably supposed to belong to a southern continent; but, in fact, it is an island, and that of no great extent **. If our Commander had not been unwilling to deprive Monsieur Kerguelen of the honour of its bearing his name, he

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* It is situated in the latitude of $49^{\circ} 3'$ south, and the longitude of $69^{\circ} 37'$ east.

† This point, which Captain Cook called Cape Digby, is situated in the latitude of $49^{\circ} 23'$ south, and the longitude of $70^{\circ} 34'$ east.

** Kerguelen, who was acquainted with nearly fourscore leagues of its coast, says, that he has reason to believe that it is about two hundred leagues in circuit.

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VII. call it the Island of Desolation.

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It should here be mentioned, that Monsieur de Kerguelen made two visits to the coast of this country; one in 1772, and another in 1773. With the first of these voyages Captain Cook had only a very slight acquaintance, and to the second he was totally a stranger; so that he scarcely had any opportunity of comparing his own discoveries with those of the French navigator. Monsieur de Kerguelen was peculiarly unfortunate, in having done but little to complete what he had begun; for though he discovered a new land, he could not, in two expeditions to it, once bring his ships to an anchor upon any part of its coasts. Captain Cook had either fewer difficulties to struggle with, or was more successful in surmounting them.

During the short time in which our voyagers lay in Christmas Harbour, Mr. Anderson lost no opportunity of searching the country in every direction. Perhaps no place, hitherto discovered, under the same parallel of latitude, affords so scanty a field for a natural historian. All that could be known in the space of time allotted him, and probably all that will ever be worthy to be known, was collected by this gentleman. A verdure, which had been seen at a little distance from the shore, gave our people the flattering expectation of meeting with a variety of herbage: but in this they were greatly deceived. On landing, it was perceived that the lively

colour which had imposed upon them, was occasioned only by one small plant, not unlike some sorts of *Saxifrage*. It grows in large spreading tufts, a considerable way up the hills. The whole catalogue of plants does not exceed sixteen or eighteen, including several kinds of moss, and a beautiful species of lichen, which rises higher up from the rocks than the rest of the vegetable productions. There is not the appearance of a shrub in the whole country. Nature has been somewhat more bountiful in furnishing it with animals; though, strictly speaking, they are not inhabitants of the place, being all of the marine kind. In general, the land is only used by them for breeding, and as a resting-place. Of these animals the most considerable are seals; being of that sort which is called the *Ursine Seal*. The birds which have already been mentioned as very numerous, chiefly consist of penguins, ducks, petrels, albatrosses, shags, gulls and sea-swallows. Penguins, which are far superior in number to the rest, are of three kinds, one of which had never been seen by any of our voyagers before. The rocks, or foundations of the hills, are principally composed of that dark blue, and very hard stone, which seems to be one of the most universal productions of nature. Nothing was discovered that had the least appearance of ore or metal*.

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his departure on the thirty-first, intending, agreeably to his instructions to touch next at New Zealand; that he might obtain a recruit of water, take in wood, and make hay for the cattle. Their number was now considerably diminished; for two young bulls, one of the heifers, two rams, and several of the goats, had died while our navigators were employed in exploring Kerguelen's Land. For some time they had fresh gales, and tolerably clear weather. But on the third of January, 1777, the wind veered to the north, where it continued eight days, and was attended with so thick a fog, that the ships ran above three hundred leagues in the dark. Occasionally the weather would clear up, and give our people a sight of the sun; but this happened very seldom, and was always of short continuance. However, amidst all the darkness produced by the fog, the vessels, though they seldom saw each other, were so fortunate, in consequence of frequently firing guns as signals, that they did not loose company. On the twelfth, the northerly winds ended in a calm*. This was succeeded, in a little time, by a wind from the southward, which brought on a rain, that continued for twenty-four hours. At the end of the rain, the wind freshened, and veering to the west and north-west, was followed by fair and clear weather.

Nothing very remarkable occurred to our voya-

* The ships were then [in latitude $48^{\circ} 40'$ south, and in longitude $110^{\circ} 26'$ east.

gers till the twenty-fourth, when they discovered the coast of Van Diemen's Land; and, on the twenty-sixth, the ships came to an anchor in Adventure Bay. Captain Cook, as soon as he had anchored, ordered the boats to be hoisted out; in one of which he went himself, to look for the most commodious place for obtaining the necessary supplies. Wood and water were found in abundance, and in places sufficiently convenient; but grass, which was most wanted, was scarce, and, at the same time, very coarse. Necessity, however, obliged our people to take up with such as could be procured.

On the twenty-eighth, the English who were employed in cutting wood were agreeably surprized with a visit from some of the natives. They consisted of eight men and a boy, who approached our voyagers not only without fear, but with the most perfect confidence and freedom. There was only a single person among them who had any thing which bore the least appearance of a weapon, and that was no more than a stick about two feet long, and pointed at one end. These people were quite naked, and wore no kind of ornaments; unless some large punctures or ridges raised in different parts of their bodies, either in strait or curved lines, may be considered in that light. Most of them had their hair and beards smeared with a red ointment; and the faces of some of them were painted with the same composition. Every present which Captain Cook made them they received without

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After the retreat of the Indians, Captain Cook, judging that their fears would prevent their remaining near enough to observe what passed, ordered the two pigs, being a boar and a sow, to be carried about a mile within the head of the bay, and saw them left there, by the side of a fresh-water brook. It was, at first, his benevolent intention to make an additional present to Van

Diemen's Land, of a young bull and cow, together with some sheep and goats. But, upon reflection, he laid aside this design; being persuaded that the natives would destroy them, from their incapacity of entering into his views with regard to the improvement of their country. As pigs are animals which soon become wild, and are fond of the thickest cover of the woods, there was the greater probability of their being preserved. For the accommodation of the other cattle an open place must have been chosen; in which situation they could not possibly have been concealed many days.

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On the twenty-ninth, about twenty of the inhabitants, men and boys, joined Captain Cook and such of his people as had landed with him, without manifesting the least sign of fear or distrust. It was remarkable, that one of the Indians was conspicuously deformed; nor was he more distinguished by the hump upon his back, than by the drollery of his gestures, and the humour of his speeches, which had the appearance of being intended for the entertainment of our voyagers. Unfortunately, the language in which he spake to them was wholly unintelligible. To each of the present group the Captain gave a string of beads and a medal, which they seemed to receive with some satisfaction. On iron, and on iron tools, they appeared to set no value. There was reason to believe that they were even ignorant of fish-hooks; and yet it is difficult to suppose that a people who inhabit a sea-coast, and

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who were not observed to derive any part of their sustenance from the productions of the ground, should be unacquainted with some mode of catching fish. However, they were never seen to be thus employed; nor was any canoe or vessel discovered by which they could go upon the water. Though they had rejected the kind of fish which had been offered them, it was evident that shell-fish made a part of their food.

After Captain Cook had left the shore, several women and children made their appearance, and were introduced to Lieutenant King by some of the men that attended them. These females (a *Kangooroo* skin excepted, which was tied over their shoulders, and seemed to be intended to support their infants) were as naked and as black as the men, and had their bodies marked with scars in the same manner. Many of the children had fine features, and were thought to be pretty; but a less favourable report was made of the women, and especially of those who were advanced in years. Some of the gentlemen, however, belonging to the *Discovery*, as our Commander was informed, paid their addresses, and made liberal offers of presents, which were rejected with great disdain. It is certain that this gallantry was not very agreeable to the men: for an elderly man, as soon as he observed it, ordered the women to retire. The order was obeyed; but, on the part of some of the females, with the appearance of a little reluctance.

On the present occasion, Captain Cook made some proper and pertinent reflections, which I

shall deliver in his own words. "This conduct," CHAP.
 says he, "of Europeans among Savages, to their VII.
 "women, is highly blameable; as it creates a 1777.
 "jealousy in their men, that may be attended
 "with consequences fatal to the success of the
 "common enterprize, and to the whole body
 "of adventurers, without advancing the private
 "purpose of the individual, or enabling him to
 "gain the object of his wishes. I believe it has
 "generally been found, amongst uncivilized
 "people, that where the women are easy of
 "access, the men are the first to offer them to
 "strangers; and that, where this is not the case,
 "neither the allurements of presents, nor the op-
 "portunity of privacy, will be likely to have
 "the desired effect. This observation, I am sure,
 "will hold good throughout all the parts of the
 "South Sea where I have been. Why then should
 "men act so absurd a part, as to risk their own
 "safety, and that of all their companions, in
 "pursuit of a gratification which they have no
 "probability of obtaining?"

While our navigators were at Van Diemen's Land, they were successful in obtaining a plentiful crop of grass for their cattle, and such as was far more excellent than what they had met with at their first going on shore. The quantity collected was judged by the Captain to be sufficient to last till his arrival in New Zealand.

Van Diemen's Land had been visited twice before. That name had been given it by Tasman, who discovered it in 1642; from which time it

CHAP. had escaped all notice of European navigators,
 VII. till Captain Furneaux touched at it in 1773. It
 1777. is well known, that it is the southern point of
 New Holland, which is by far the largest island
 in the world; indeed, so large an island as almost
 to deserve the appellation of a continent.

While Captain Cook was at this country, he neglected nothing which could promote the knowledge of science and navigation. Here, as every where else, he settled the latitude and longitude of places*; marked the variations of the compass, and recorded the nature of the tides. He corrected, likewise, an error of Captain Furneaux, with respect to the situation of Maria's Islands; on which subject he hath candidly remarked, that his own idea is not the result of a more faithful, but merely of a second examination.

Mr. Anderson, during the few days in which the ships remained in Adventure Bay, exerted his usual diligence in collecting as full an account as could be obtained, in so short a period of time, of the natural productions and the inhabitants of the country. Little can be said concerning either the personal activity or genius of the natives. The first they do not seem to possess in any remarkable degree; and, to all appearance, they have less of the last than even the half-animated inhabitants of Terra del Fuego. Their

* Adventure Bay is in the latitude of $43^{\circ} 22' 20''$ south, and in the longitude of $147^{\circ} 29'$ east.

not expressing that surprize which might have been expected, from their seeing men so much unlike themselves, and things to which they had hitherto been utter strangers; their indifference for the presents of our people; and their general inattention, were sufficient testimonies that they were not endued with any acuteness of understanding. What the ancient poets tell us of *Fauns* and *Satyrs* living in hollow trees, is realized at Van Diemen's Land. Some wretched constructions of sticks covered with bark, and which did not deserve the name of huts, were indeed found near the shore; but these seemed only to have been erected for temporary purposes. The most comfortable habitations of the natives were afforded by the largest trees. These had their trunks hollowed out by fire, to the height of six or seven feet; and there was room enough in them for three or four persons to sit round a hearth, made of clay. At the same time, these places of shelter are durable; for the people take care to leave one side of the tree sound, which is sufficient to keep it in luxuriant growth. The inhabitants of Van Diemen's Land are undoubtedly from the same stock with those of the northern parts of New Holland. Their language, indeed, appeared to be different; but how far the difference extended, our voyagers could not have an opportunity of determining. With regard to the New Hollanders in general, there is reason to suppose, that they originally came from the

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same place with all the Indians of the South Sea*.

On the thirtieth of January, 1777, Captain Cook sailed from Adventure Bay, and on the twelfth of February came to an anchor at his old station of Queen Charlotte's Sound, in New Zealand. Being unwilling to lose any time, he commenced his operations that very afternoon. By his order, several of the empty water casks were immediately landed, and a place was begun to be cleared for setting up the two observatories, and the erection of tents to accommodate a guard, and the rest of the company, whose business might require them to remain on shore. Our navigators had not long been at anchor, before a number of canoes, filled with natives, came alongside of the ships. However, very few of them would venture on board; which appeared the more extraordinary, as the Captain was well known to them all, and they could not be insensible how liberally he had behaved to them on former occasions. There was one man in particular, whom he had treated with remarkable kindness, during the whole of his last stay in this place; and yet, neither professions of friendship, nor presents, could prevail upon him to enter the Resolution.

There was a real cause for this shyness on the part of the New Zealanders. A dreadful event had happened to some of Captain Furneaux's

* Cook, *ubi supra*, p. 91 = 116.

crew, while he lay in Queen Charlotte's Sound, after he had finally separated from Captain Cook, in the former voyage. Ten men, who had been sent out in the large cutter to gather wild greens for the ship's company, were killed in a skirmish with the natives. What was the cause of the quarrel could not be ascertained, as not one of the company survived to relate the story. Lieutenant Burney, who was ordered to go in search of them, found only some fragments of their bodies, from which it appeared, that they had been converted into the food of the inhabitants. It was the remembrance of this event, and the fear of its being revenged, which now rendered the New Zealanders so fearful of entering the English vessels. From the conversation of Omai, who was on board the Adventure when the melancholy affair happened, they knew that it could not be unknown to Captain Cook. The Captain, therefore, judged it necessary to use every endeavour to assure them of the continuance of his friendship, and that he should not disturb them on account of the catastrophe. It was most probably in consequence of this assurance, that they soon laid aside all manner of restraint and distrust.

In the mean while, the operations for refitting the ships, and for obtaining provisions, were carried on with great vigour. For the protection of the party on shore, our Commander appointed a guard of ten marines, and ordered arms for all the workmen; with whom Mr. King,

CHAP. and two or three petty officers, constantly
VII. remained. A boat was never sent to a consi-
1777. derable distance without being armed, or without
being under the direction of such officers as might
be depended upon, and who were well acquaint-
ed with the natives. In Captain Cook's former
visits to this country, he had never made use of
such precautions; nor was he now convinced of
their absolute necessity. But, after the tragical
fate of the crew of the Adventure's boat in this
found, and of Captain Marion du Fresne, and
some of his people, in the Bay of Islands (in
1772), it was impossible to free our navigators
from all apprehensions of experiencing a similar
calamity.

Whatever suspicions the inhabitants might at
first entertain, that their acts of barbarity would
be revenged, they very speedily became so per-
fectly easy upon the subject, as to take up their
residence close to our voyagers; and the advan-
tage of their coming to live with the English
was not inconsiderable. Every day, when the
weather would permit, some of them went out
to catch fish, and our people generally obtained,
by exchanges, a good share of the produce of
their labours, in addition to the supply which
was afforded by our own nets and lines. Nor
was there a deficiency of vegetable refreshments;
to which was united spruce-beer for drink; so
that if the seeds of the scurvy had been contract-
ed by any of the crew, they would speedily
have been removed by such a regimen. The

fact, however, was, that there were only two CHAP.
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of commerce supplied by the New Zealanders. The two first always came to a good market; but the latter did not happen, at this time, to be an acceptable commodity. Our seamen had conceived a dislike to these people, and were either unwilling or afraid to associate with them; the good effect of which was, that our Commander knew no instance of a man's quitting his station, to go to the habitations of the Indians. A connexion with women it was out of Captain Cook's power to prevent; but he never encouraged it, and always was fearful of its consequences. Many, indeed, are of opinion, that such an intercourse is a great security among savages. But if this should ever be the case with those who remain and settle among them, it is generally otherwise with respect to travellers and transient visitors. In such a situation as was that of our navigators, a connexion with the women of the natives betrays more men than it saves. "What else," says the Captain, "can reasonably be expected, since all their views are selfish, without the least mixture of regard or attachment? My own experience, at least, which hath been pretty extensive, hath not pointed out to me one instance to the contrary."

Amongst the persons who occasionally visited the English, was a Chief of the name of Kahoorā, who, as Captain Cook was informed,

CHAP. had headed the party that cut off Captain Fur-
 VII. neaux's people, and had himself killed Mr.
 1777. Rowe, the Officer who commanded. This man
 our Commander was strongly solicited to put to
 death, even by some of the natives; and Omai
 was particularly eager and violent upon the sub-
 ject. To these solicitations the Captain paid not
 the least degree of attention. He even admired
 Kahoorá's courage, and was not a little pleased
 with the confidence with which he had put
 himself into his power. Kahoorá had placed his
 whole safety in the declarations that Captain
 Cook had uniformly made to the New Zealanders;
 which were, that he had always been a friend to
 them all, and would continue to be so, unless
 they gave him cause to act otherwise; that as
 to their inhuman treatment of our people, he
 should think no more of it, the transaction
 having happened long ago, and when he was
 not present; but that, if ever they made a second
 attempt of the same kind, they might rest assured
 of feeling the weight of his resentment.

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While our Commander, on the sixteenth, was
 making an excursion for the purpose of collecting
 food for his cattle, he embraced the opportunity
 to enquire, as accurately as possible, into the
 circumstances which had attended the melancholy
 fate of our countrymen. Omai was his inter-
 preter on this occasion. The result of the enquiry
 was, that the quarrel first took its rise from some
 thefts, in the commission of which the natives
 were detected; that there was no premeditated
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plan of bloodshed; and that if these thefts had not, unfortunately, been too hastily repented, no mischief would have happened. Kahoorá's greatest enemies, and even the very men that had most earnestly solicited his destruction, confessed, at the same time, that he had no intention of quarrelling with Captain Furneaux's people, and much less of killing any of them, till the fray had actually commenced.

Captain Cook continued, in this his last visit to New Zealand, the solicitude he had formerly shewn, to be of some essential future service to the country. To one Chief he gave two goats, a male and a female, with a kid; and to another two pigs, a boar and a sow. Although he obtained a promise from both these Chiefs, that they would not kill the animals which had been presented to them, he could not venture to place any great reliance upon their assurances. It was his full intention, on his present arrival in Queen Charlotte's Sound, to have left not only goats and hogs, but sheep, together with a young bull and two heifers. The accomplishment, however, of this resolution depended either upon his finding a Chief who was powerful enough to protect and keep the cattle, or upon his meeting with a place where there might be a probability of their being concealed from those who would ignorantly attempt to destroy them. Neither of these circumstances happened to be conformable to his wishes. At different times he had left in New Zealand ten or a dozen hogs, besides those

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1777. this race of animals should not increase and be preserved, either in a wild or a domestic state, or in both. Our Commander was informed, that Tiratou, a popular Chief among the natives, had a number of cocks and hens, and one sow, in his separate possession. With regard to the gardens which had formerly been planted, though they had almost entirely been neglected, and some of them destroyed, they were not wholly unproductive. They were found to contain cabbages, onions, leeks, purslain, radishes, mustard, and a few potatoes. The potatoes, which had first been brought from the Cape of Good Hope, were greatly meliorated by change of soil; and, with proper cultivation, would be superior to those produced in most other countries.

A great addition of knowledge was obtained, during this voyage, with respect to the productions of New Zealand, and the manners and customs of its inhabitants. The zeal of Captain Cook upon the subject was admirably seconded by the sedulous diligence of Mr. Anderson, who omitted no opportunity of collecting every kind and degree of information. I shall only so far trespass on the patience of my readers, as to mention a few circumstances tending to delineate the character of the natives. They seem to be a people perfectly satisfied with the little they already possess; nor are they remarkably curious either in their observations or their enquiries.

New objects are so far from striking them with such a degree of surprize as might naturally be expected, that they scarcely fix their attention even for a moment. In the arts with which they are acquainted, they shew as much ingenuity, both in invention and execution, as any uncivilized nations under similar circumstances. Without the least use of those tools which are formed of metal, they make every thing that is necessary to procure their subsistence, clothing, and military weapons; and all this is done by them with a neatness, a strength, and a convenience that are well adapted to the accomplishment of the several purposes they have in view. No people can have a quicker sense of an injury done to them than the New Zealanders, or be more ready to resent it: and yet they want one characteristic of true bravery; for they will take an opportunity of being insolent when they think that there is no danger of their being punished. From the number of their weapons, and their dexterity in using them, it appears that war is their principal profession. Indeed, their public contentions are so frequent, or rather so perpetual, that they must live under continual apprehensions of being destroyed by each other. From their horrid custom of eating the flesh of their enemies, not only without reluctance, but with peculiar satisfaction, it would be natural to suppose that they must be destitute of every humane feeling, even with regard to their own party. This, however, is

CHAP. not the case: for they lament the loss of their
VII. friends with a violence of expression which argues
1777. the most tender remembrance of them. At a
very early age, the children are initiated into all
the practices, whether good or bad, of their
fathers; so that a boy or girl, when only nine
or ten years old, can perform the motions, and
imitate the frightful gestures, by which the more
aged are accustomed to inspire their enemies with
terror. They can keep, likewise, the strictest
time in their song; and it is with some degree
of melody that they sing the traditions of their
forefathers, their actions in war, and other subjects.
The military achievements of their ancestors the
New Zealanders celebrate with the highest plea-
sure, and spend much of their time in diversions
of this sort, and in playing upon a musical
instrument, which partakes of the nature of a
flute. With respect to their language, it is far
from being harsh or disagreeable, though the
pronunciation of it is frequently guttural; nor,
if we may judge from the melody of some kinds
of their songs, is it destitute of those qualities
which fit it to be associated with music. Of its
identity with the languages of the other islands
throughout the South Sea fresh proofs were
exhibited during the present voyage.

At the request of Omai, Captain Cook con-
sented to take with him two youths from New
Zealand. That they might not quit their native
country under any deluding ideas of visiting it
again, the Captain took care to inform their

parents, in the strongest terms, that they would never return. This declaration seemed, however, to make no kind of impression. The father of the youngest lad resigned him with an indifference which he would scarcely have shewn at parting with his dog, and even stripped the boy of the little clothing he possessed, delivering him quite naked into the hands of our voyagers. This was not the case with the mother of the other youth. She took her leave of him with all the marks of tender affection that might be expected between a parent and a child on such an occasion; but she soon resumed her cheerfulness, and went away wholly unconcerned*.

On the twenty-fifth of the month, Captain Cook stood out of Queen Charlotte's Sound, and by the twenty-seventh got clear of New Zealand. No sooner had the ships lost sight of the land, than the two young adventurers from that country, one of whom was nearly eighteen years of age, and the other about ten, began deeply to repent of the step they had taken. It was the experience of the sea-sickness which gave this turn to their reflections; and all the soothing encouragement the English could think of, was but of little avail. They wept, both in public and in private, and made their lamentation in a kind of song, that seemed to be expressive of the praises of their country and people, from which they were to be separated for ever. In

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* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 118 — 163.

C H A P. VII. 1777. this disposition they continued for many days: but as their sea-sickness wore off, and the tumult of their minds subsided, the fits of lamentation became less and less frequent, and at length entirely ceased. By degrees, their native country and their friends were forgotten, and they appeared to be as firmly attached to our navigators as if they had been born in England.

In the prosecution of the voyage, Captain Cook met with unfavourable winds; and it was not till the twenty-ninth of March that land was discovered. It was found to be an inhabited island, the name of which, as was learned from two of the natives, who came off in a canoe, is Mangeea. Our Commander examined the coast with his boats, and had a short intercourse with some of the inhabitants. Not being able to find a proper harbour for bringing the ships to an anchorage, he was obliged to leave the country unvisited, though it seemed capable of supplying all the wants of our voyagers. The island of Mangeea is full five leagues in circuit, and of a moderate and pretty equal height*. It has, upon the whole, a pleasing aspect, and might be made a beautiful spot by cultivation. The inhabitants, who appeared to be both numerous and well fed, seemed to resemble those of Otaheite and the Marquesas in the beauty of their persons; and the resemblance, as far as could be judged

* Mangeea lies in the latitude of $21^{\circ} 57'$ south, and in the longitude of $201^{\circ} 53'$ east.

in so short a compass of time, takes place with respect to their general disposition and character.

From the coast of Mangesea our Commander sailed in the afternoon of the thirtieth, and on the next day land was again seen, within four leagues of which the ships arrived on the first of April. Our people could then pronounce it to be an island, nearly of the same appearance and extent with that which had so lately been left. Some of the natives speedily put off in their canoes, and three of them were persuaded to come on board the Resolution; on which occasion, their whole behaviour marked that they were quite at their ease, and felt no kind of apprehension that they should be detained, or ill used. In a visit from several others of the inhabitants, they manifested a dread of approaching near the cows and horses; nor could they form the least conception of their nature. But the sheep and goats did not, in their opinion, surpass the limits of their ideas; for they gave our navigators to understand that they knew them to be birds. As there is not the most distant resemblance between a sheep or goat, and any winged animal, this may be thought to be almost an incredible example of human ignorance. But it should be remembered, that, excepting hogs, dogs, and birds, these people were strangers to the existence of any other land-animals.

In a farther intercourse with the natives, who had brought a hog, together with some plantains and cocoa nuts, they demanded a dog from our

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 which were great nuisances in the ship; and these
 he might now have disposed of in a manner that
 would have been of real future utility to the
 island. But he had no such views in making
 them the companions of his voyage. Omai,
 however, with a good-nature that reflects honour
 upon him, parted with a favourite dog which
 he had brought from England; and with this
 acquisition the people departed highly satisfied.

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On the third of April, Captain Cook dispatched
 Mr. Gore, with three boats, to endeavour to
 get upon the island. Mr. Gore himself, Omai,
 Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Burney, were the only
 persons that landed. The transactions of the day,
 of which Mr. Anderson drew up an ingenious
 and entertaining account, added to the stock of
 knowledge gained by our navigators, but did
 not accomplish Captain Cook's principal object.
 Nothing was procured by the gentlemen, from
 the island, that supplied the wants of the ships.
 In this expedition, Omai displayed that turn for
 exaggeration, with which travellers have so fre-
 quently been charged. Being asked by the natives
 concerning the English, their ships, their country,
 and the arms they made use of, his answers were
 not a little marvellous. He told these people
 that our country had ships as large as their island;
 on board which were instruments of war (describ-
 ing our guns) of such dimensions, that several

persons might sit within them. At the same time, he assured the inhabitants that one of these guns was sufficient to crush their whole island at a single shot. Though he was obliged to acknowledge that the guns on board the vessels upon their coast were but small, he contrived, by an explosion of gunpowder, to inspire them with a formidable idea of their nature and effect. It is probable that this representation of things contributed to the preservation of the gentlemen, in their enterprize on shore, for a strong disposition to retain them had been shewn by the natives.

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It seemed destined that this day should give Omai more occasions than one of bearing a principal part in its transactions. The island, though never visited by Europeans before, happened to have other strangers residing in it; and it was entirely owing to Omai's having attended on the expedition, that a circumstance so curious came to the knowledge of the English. Scarcely had he been landed upon the beach, when he found, among the crowd which had assembled there, three of his own countrymen, natives of the Society Islands. That at the distance of about two hundred leagues from those islands, an immense, unknown ocean intervening, with the wretched boats their inhabitants are known to make use of, and fit only for a passage where sight of land is scarcely ever lost, such a meeting, at such a place, so accidentally visited, should occur, may well be regarded as one of those

- CHAP. unexpected situations, with which the writers
VII. of feigned adventures love to surprize their readers.
1777. When events of this kind really happen in common life, they deserve to be recorded for their singularity. It may easily be supposed with what mutual surprize and satisfaction this interview of Omai with his countrymen was attended. Twelve years before, about twenty persons in number, of both sexes, had embarked on board a canoe at Otaheite, to cross over to the neighbouring island of Ulietea. A violent storm having arisen, which drove them out of their course, and their provisions being very scanty, they suffered incredible hardships, and the greatest part of them perished by famine and fatigue. Four men only survived, when the boat overset, and then the destruction of this small remnant appeared to be inevitable. However, they kept hanging by the side of the vessel, which they continued to do for some days, when they were providentially brought within sight of the people of this island, who immediately sent out canoes, and brought them on shore. The three men who now survived, expressed a strong sense of the kind treatment they had received; and so well satisfied were they with their present situation, that they refused an offer which was made them of being conveyed to their native country. A very important instruction may be derived from the preceding narrative. It will serve to explain, better than a thousand conjectures of speculative reasoners, how the detached parts of the earth,

and, in particular, how the islands of the South Sea, though lying remote from any inhabited continent, or from each other, may have originally been peopled. Similar adventures have occurred in the history of navigation and shipwrecks.

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The island on which Messieurs Gore, Anderson, Burney and Omai, had landed, is called Wateoo by the natives, and is a beautiful spot, having a surface composed of hills and plains, which are covered with a verdure rendered extremely pleasant by the diversity of its hues *. Its inhabitants are very numerous; and many of the young men were perfect models in shape; besides which, they had complexions as delicate as those of the women, and appeared to be equally amiable in their dispositions. In their manners, their general habits of life, and their religious ceremonies and opinions, these islanders have a near resemblance to the people of Otaheite and its neighbouring isles; and their language was well understood, both by Omai and the two New Zealanders.

The next place visited by Captain Cook was a small island, called Wennooa-ette, or Otakoo-taia **, to which Mr. Gore was sent, at the

* Wateoo lies in the latitude of $20^{\circ} 1'$ south, and in the longitude of $201^{\circ} 45'$ east, and is about six leagues in circumference.

** It lies in the latitude of $19^{\circ} 15'$ south, and in the longitude of $201^{\circ} 37'$ east.

CHAP. head of a party, who procured about a hundred
 VII. cocoa nuts for each ship, and some grass, to-
 1777. gether with a quantity of the leaves and branches
 of young trees, for the cattle. Though, at this
 time, no inhabitants were found in Wennoa-
 ette, yet, as there remained indubitable marks
 of its being, at least, occasionally frequented,
 Mr. Gore left a hatchet, and several nails, to the
 full value of what had been taken away.

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On the fifth, our Commander directed his
 course for Harvey's Island, which was only at
 the distance of fifteen leagues, and where he
 hoped to procure some refreshments. This island
 had been discovered by him, in 1773, during
 his last voyage, when no traces were discerned
 of its having any inhabitants. It was now ex-
 perienched to be well peopled, and by a race of
 men who appeared to differ much, both in
 person and disposition, from the natives of
 Watecoo. Their behaviour was disorderly and
 clamorous; their colour was of a deeper cast;
 and several of them had a fierce and rugged
 aspect. It was remarkable, that not one of them
 had adopted the practice, so generally prevalent
 among the people of the Southern Ocean, of
 puncturing or *tatooing* their bodies. But, not-
 withstanding this singularity, the most unequi-
 vocal proofs were exhibited of their having the
 same common origin; and their language, in
 particular, approached still nearer to the dialect
 of Otaheite, than that of Watecoo, or Mangeea.
 No anchorage for the ships being found in

Harvey's Island, Captain Cook quitted it without delay. CHAP. VII.

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The Captain being thus disappointed at all the islands he had met with, since his leaving New Zealand, and his progress having unavoidably been retarded by unfavourable winds, and other unforeseen circumstances, it became impossible to think of doing any thing this year in the high latitudes of the northern hemisphere, from which he was still at so great a distance, though the season for his operations there was already begun. In this situation, it was absolutely necessary, in the first place, to pursue such measures as were most likely to preserve the cattle that were on board. A still more capital object was to save the stores and provisions of the ships, that he might the better be enabled to prosecute his discoveries to the north, which could not now be commenced till a year later than was originally intended. If he had been so fortunate as to have procured a supply of water, and of grass, at any of the islands he had lately visited, it was his purpose to have stood back to the south, till he had met with a westerly wind. But the certain consequence of doing this, without such a supply, would have been the loss of all the cattle; while, at the same time, not a single advantage would have been gained with regard to the grand ends of the voyage. He determined, to bear away for the Friendly Islands, where he was sure of being abundantly provided.

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In pursuing his course, agreeably to this resolution, our Commander, on the fourteenth, reached Palmerston Island, where, and at a neighbouring islot, both of which were uninhabited, some little relief was obtained. The boats soon procured a load of scurvy-grass and young cocoa-nut trees, which was a feast for the cattle; and the same feast, with the addition of palm-cabbage, and the tender branches of the *Wharra* tree, was continued for several days. On the sixteenth, Omai, being on shore with the Captain, caught, with a scoop-net, in a very short time, as much fish as served the whole party for dinner, besides sending a quantity to both the ships. Birds, too, and particularly, men-of-war and tropic birds, were plentifully obtained; so that our navigators had sumptuous entertainment. Omai acted as cook upon the occasion. The fish and the birds he dressed with heated stones, after the manner of his country; and performed the operation with a dexterity and good humour which were greatly to his credit. From the islot before mentioned, twelve hundred cocoanuts were procured, which, being equally divided among the crew, were of great use to them, both on account of the juice and the kernel. There is no water in the islots which are comprehended under the name of Palmerston Island. If that article could be obtained, and good anchorage could be accomplished within the reef, Captain Cook would prefer this island to any of the uninhabited ones, for the mere

purpose of refreshment. The quantity of fish that might be caught, would be sufficient; and a ship's company could roam about, unmolested by the petulance of the inhabitants.

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Different opinions have been entertained concerning the formation of the low islands in the great ocean. From the observations which our Commander now made, he was convinced that such islands are formed from shoals, or coral banks, and, consequently, that they are always increasing. His reasons for embracing this hypothesis, are related by him, in his Voyage, with his usual good sense and sagacity.

After leaving Palmerston's Island, Captain Cook steered to the west, with a view of making the best of his way to Annamooka. During his course, the showers were so copious, that our navigators saved a considerable quantity of water. Finding that a greater supply could be obtained by the rain, in one hour, than could be gotten by distillation in a month, the Captain laid aside the still, as a thing which was attended with more trouble than profit. At this time, the united heat and moisture of the weather, in addition to the impossibility of keeping the ships dry, threatened to be noxious to the health of our people. It was, however, remarkable, that neither the constant use of salt food, nor the vicissitudes of climate, were productive of any evil effects. Though the only material refreshment our voyagers had received, since their leaving the Cape of Good Hope, was that which they

C H A P. had procured at New Zealand, there was not,
 VII. as yet, a single sick person on board. This
 1777. happy situation of things was undoubtedly owing
 to the unremitting attention of our Commander,
 in seeing that no circumstance was neglected
 which could contribute to the preservation of
 the health of his company*.

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On the twenty-eighth of April, Captain Cook
 touched at the Island of Komango; and, on the
 first of May, he arrived at Annamooka. The
 station he took was the very same which he had
 occupied when he visited the country three years
 before; and it was probably, almost in the same
 place where Tasman, the first discoverer of this
 and some of the neighbouring islands, anchored
 in 1643. A friendly intercourse was immediately
 opened with the natives, and every thing was
 settled to the Captain's satisfaction. He received
 the greatest civilities from Toobou, the Chief of
 Annamooka; and Taipa, a Chief from the Island
 of Komango, attached himself to the English in
 so extraordinary a manner, that, in order to be
 near them in the night, as well as in the day,
 he had a house brought on men's shoulders, a
 full quarter of a mile, and placed close to the
 shed which was occupied by our party on shore.

6. On the sixth, our Commander was visited by a
 great Chief from Tongataboo, whose name was
 Feenou, and who was falsely represented, by
 Taipa, to be the king of all the Friendly Isles.

* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 167—224.

The only interruption to the harmony which subsisted between our people and the natives of Annamooka, arose from the thievish disposition of many of the inhabitants. They afforded frequent opportunities of remarking how expert they were in the business of stealing. Even some of the Chiefs did not think the profession unbecoming their dignity. One of them was detected in carrying a bolt out of the ship, concealed under his clothes; for which Captain Cook sentenced him to receive a dozen lashes, and kept him confined till he had paid a hog for his liberty. After this act of justice, our navigators were no longer troubled with thieves of rank; but their servants, or slaves, were still employed in the dirty work; and upon them a flogging seemed to make no greater impression than it would have done upon the main-mast. When any of them happened to be caught in the act, so far were their masters from interceding in their favour, that they often advised our gentlemen to kill them. This, however, being a punishment too severe to be inflicted, they generally escaped without being punished at all; for of the shame, as well as of the pain of corporal chastisement, they appeared to be equally insensible. At length, Captain Clerke invented a mode of treatment, which was thought to be productive of some good effect. He put the thieves into the hands of the barber, and completely shaved their heads. In consequence of this operation, they became objects of ridicule to their own countrymen;

CHAP. and our people, by keeping them at a distance,
 VII. were enabled to deprive them of future opportu-
 1777. nities for a repetition of their rogueries.

The island of Annamooka being exhausted of
 its articles of food, Captain Cook proposed,
 11 May. on the eleventh, to proceed directly for Tonga-
 taboo. From this resolution, however, he was
 diverted, at the instance of Feenou, who warmly
 recommended, in preference to it, an island, or
 rather a group of islands, called Hapae, lying
 to the north-east. There, he assured our voya-
 gers, they could be plentifully supplied with
 every refreshment, in the easiest manner; and he
 enforced his advice by engaging to attend them
 thither in person. Accordingly, Hapae was
 made choice of for the next station; and the
 examination of it became an object with the
 Captain, as it had never been visited by any
 European ships.

17. On the seventeenth, our Commander arrived
 at Hippae, where he met with a most friendly
 reception from the inhabitants, and from Earoupa,
 the chief of the island. During the whole stay
 of our navigators, the time was spent in a reci-
 procation of presents, civilities, and solemnities.
 On the part of the natives were displayed single
 combats with clubs, wrestling and boxing matches,
 female combatants, dances performed by men,
 and night entertainments of singing and dancing.
 The English, on the other hand, gave pleasure
 to the Indians by exercising the marines, and
 excited their astonishment by the exhibition of

fire works. After curiosity had, on both sides, been sufficiently gratified, Captain Cook applied himself to the examination of Hapae, Lefooga, and other neighbouring islands. As the ships were returning, on the thirty-first, from these islands to Annamooka, the Resolution was very near running full upon a low sandy isle, called Pootoo Pootoo, surrounded with breakers. It fortunately happened, that the men had just been ordered upon deck to put the vessel about, and were most of them at their stations; so that the necessary movements were executed not only with judgment, but also with alertness. This alone saved the ship and her company from destruction. "Such hazardous situations," says the Captain, "are the unavoidable companions of the man who goes upon a voyage of discovery."

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During our Commander's expedition to Hapae, he was introduced to Poulaho, the real king of the Friendly Isles; in whose presence it instantly appeared how groundless had been Feenou's pretensions to that character: Feenou, however, was a Chief of great note and influence. By Poulaho Captain Cook was invited to pass over to Tongataboo, which request he complied with, after he had touched, for two or three days at Annamooka. In the passage, the Resolution was insensibly drawn upon a large flat, on which lay innumerable coral rocks, of different depths, below the surface of the water. Notwithstanding all the care and attention of our people to keep

CHAP. her clear of them, they could not prevent her
VII. from striking on one of these rocks. The same
1777. event happened to the Discovery; but fortunately, neither of the ships stuck fast, or received any damage.

20 June. On the tenth of June, Captain Cook arrived at Tongataboo, where the king was waiting for him upon the beach, and immediately conducted him to a small, but neat house, which, he was told, was at his service, during his stay in the island. The house was situated a little within the skirts of the woods, and had a fine large area before it; so that a more agreeable spot could not have been provided. Our Commander's arrival at Tongataboo was followed by a succession of entertainments, similar to those which had occurred at Hapae, though somewhat diversified in circumstances, and exhibited with additional splendour. The pleasure, however, of the visit was occasionally interrupted by the thieveries of many of the inhabitants. Nothing could prevent their plundering our voyagers, in every quarter; and they did it in the most daring and insolent manner. There was scarcely any thing which they did not attempt to steal; and yet, as the crowd was always great, the Captain would not permit the centinels to fire, lest the innocent should suffer with the guilty.

19 June. Captain Cook, on the nineteenth, made a distribution of the animals which he had selected as presents for the principal men of the island. To Poulaho, the king, he gave a young Eng-

fish bull and cow, together with three goats; to Mareewagee, a Chief of consequence, a Cape ram and two ewes *; and to Feenou a horse and a mare. * Omai, at the same time, was instructed to represent the importance of these animals, and to explain, as far as he was capable of doing it, the manner in which they should be preserved and treated. Even the generosity of the Captain was not without its inconveniences. It soon appeared that some were dissatisfied with the allotment of the animals; for, next morning, two kids and two turkey-cocks were missing. As our Commander could not suppose that this was an accidental loss, he determined to have them again. The first step he took was to seize on three canoes that happened to be alongside the ships; after which, he went on shore, and having found the King, his brother, Feenou, and some other Chiefs, he immediately put a guard over them, and gave them to understand, that they must remain under restraint till not only the kid and the turkeys, but the rest of the things which, at different times, had been stolen from our voyagers, should be restored. This bold step of Captain Cook was attended with a very good effect. Some of the articles which had been lost were instantly brought

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* As none of the natives took the least notice or care of the three sheep allotted to Mareewagee, Captain Cook afterwards ordered them to be carried back to the ships. Besides the animals above-mentioned, he left in the island a young boar, and three young sows, of the English breed; and two rabbits, a buck and a doe.

CHAP. back, and such good assurances were given with
 VII. regard to the remainder, that, in the afternoon,
 1777. the Chiefs were released. It was a happy circumstance, with respect to this transaction, that it did not abate the future confidence of Poulaho and his friends in the Captain's kind and generous treatment.

5 July. On the fifth of July was an eclipse of the sun, which, however, in consequence of unfavourable weather, was very imperfectly observed. Happily, the disappointment was of little consequence, as the longitude was more than sufficiently determined by lunar observations*.

10. Captain Cook sailed from Tongataboo on the tenth, and, two days after, came to an anchor at the island of Middleburg, or Eooa, as it is called by the inhabitants. Here he was immediately visited by Taoofa, the Chief, with whom he had formerly been acquainted. The intercourse now renewed was friendly in the highest degree, both with Taoofa and the rest of the natives; and our Commander endeavoured to meliorate their condition by planting a pine-apple, and sowing the seeds of melons, and other vegetables, in the Chief's plantation. To this he was encouraged by a proof that his past endeavours had not been wholly unsuccessful. He had, one day, served up to him at his dinner, a dish of turnips, being the produce of the seeds which he had left at Eooa in his last voyage.

* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 225 — 328.

The stay which Captain Cook made at the Friendly Islands was between two and three months; during which time, some accidental differences excepted, there subsisted the utmost cordiality between the English and the natives. These differences were never attended with any fatal consequences; which happy circumstance was principally owing to the unremitting attention of the Captain, who directed all his measures with a view to the prevention of such quarrels as would be injurious either to the inhabitants or to his own people. So long as our navigators stayed at the islands, they expended very little of their sea-provisions, subsisting, in general, upon the produce of the country, and carrying away with them a quantity of refreshments sufficient to last till their arrival at another station, where they could depend upon a fresh supply. It was a singular pleasure to our Commander, that he possessed an opportunity of adding to the happiness of these good Indians, by the useful animals which he left among them. Upon the whole, the advantages of having touched at the Friendly Islands were very great; and Captain Cook reflected upon it with peculiar satisfaction, that these advantages were obtained without retarding, for a single moment, the prosecution of the great object of his voyage; the season for proceeding to the north having been previously lost.

Besides the immediate benefits which both the natives and the English derived from their mutual

CHAP. VII. 1777. intercourse on the present occasion, such a large addition was now made to the geographical knowledge of this part of the Pacific Ocean, as may render no small service to future navigators. Under the denomination of the Friendly Islands, must be included not only the group at Hapae, but all those islands that have been discovered nearly under the same meridian, to the north, as well as some others, which, though they have never hitherto been seen by any European voyagers, are under the dominion of Tongataboo. From the information which our Commander received, it appears that this Archipelago is very extensive. Above one hundred and fifty islands were reckoned up by the natives, who made use of bits of leaves to ascertain their number; and Mr. Anderson, with his usual diligence, procured all their names. Fifteen of them are said to be high or hilly, and thirty-five of them large. Concerning the size of the thirty-two which were unexplored, it can only be mentioned, that they must be larger than Annamooka, which was ranked amongst the smaller isles. Several, indeed, of those which belong to this latter denomination, are mere spots, without inhabitants. Sixty-one of these Isles have their proper places and names marked upon the chart of the Friendly islands, and the sketch of the harbour of Tongataboo, which are given in the Voyage. Captain Cook had not the least doubt but that Prince William's Islands, discovered and so named by Tasman, were comprehended in the list furnished by the

natives. He had also good authority for believing, that Keppel's and Boscawen's Islands, two of Captain Wallis's discoveries in 1765, were included in the same list; and that they were under the sovereignty of Tongataboo, which is the grand seat of government. It must be left to future navigators to extend the geography of this part of the South Pacific Ocean, by ascertaining the exact situation and size of nearly a hundred islands, in the neighbourhood, which our Commander had no opportunity of exploring.

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During the present visit to the Friendly Islands, large additions were made to the knowledge which was obtained, in the last voyage, of the natural history and productions of the country, and the manners and customs of its inhabitants. Though it does not fall within the plan of this narrative to enter into a detail of the particulars recorded, I cannot help taking notice of the explanation which Captain Cook has given of the thievish disposition of the natives. It is an explanation which reflects honour upon his sagacity, humanity, and candour; and therefore I shall relate it in his own words: "The only defect," says he, "fullying their character, that we know of, is a propensity to thieving; to which we found those of all ages, and both sexes, addicted; and to an uncommon degree. It should, however, be considered, that this exceptionable part of their conduct seemed to exist merely with respect to us; for, in their general intercourse with one another, I had

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" reason to be of opinion, that thefts do not
" happen more frequently (perhaps less so) than
" in other countries, the dishonest practices of
" whose worthless individuals are not supposed
" to authorize any indiscriminate censure on the
" whole body of the people. Great allowances
" should be made for the foibles of these poor
" natives of the Pacific Ocean, whose minds we
" overpowered with the glare of objects, equally
" new to them as they were captivating. Steal-
" ing, among the civilized nations of the world,
" may well be considered as denoting a character
" deeply stained with moral turpitude, with
" avarice unrestrained by the known rules of
" right, and with profligacy producing extreme
" indigence, and neglecting the means of reliev-
" ing it. But at the Friendly and other Islands
" which we visited, the thefts, so frequently
" committed by the natives, of what we had
" brought along with us, may be fairly traced
" to less culpable motives. They seemed to arise
" solely from an intense curiosity or desire to
" possess something which they had not been
" accustomed to before, and belonging to a sort
" of people so different from themselves. And,
" perhaps, if it were possible, that a set of beings,
" seemingly as superior in our judgment, as we
" are in theirs, should appear amongst us, it
" might be doubted, whether our natural regard
" to justice would be able to restrain many from
" falling into the same error. That I have assign-
" ed the true motive for their propensity to

" this practice, appears from their stealing every
 " thing indiscriminately at first sight, before they
 " could have the least conception of converting
 " their prize to any one useful purpose. But, I
 " believe, with us, no person would forfeit his
 " reputation, or expose himself to punishment,
 " without knowing, before hand, how to employ
 " the stolen goods. Upon the whole, the pil-
 " laging disposition of the islanders, though
 " certainly disagreeable and troublesome to
 " strangers, was the means of affording us
 " some information as to the quickness of their
 " intellects. "

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With respect to the religion of these Indians,
 Mr. Anderson maintains, that they have very
 proper sentiments concerning the immateriality
 and immortality of the soul; and thinks himself
 sufficiently authorized to assert, that they do not
 worship any thing which is the work of their
 own hands, or any visible part of the creation.
 The language of the Friendly Islands has the
 greatest imaginable conformity with that of New
 Zealand, of Watecoo, and Mangeea. Several
 hundreds of the words of it were collected by
 Mr. Anderson; and, amongst these, are terms
 that express numbers reaching to a hundred thou-
 sand. Beyond this limit they never went, and
 probably were not able to go farther; for it was
 observed, that when they had gotten thus far,
 they commonly used a word which expresses an
 indefinite number.

It is scarcely necessary to add, that Captain

C H A P. VII. Cook, during his whole stay at the Friendly Islands, neglected nothing which could be the subject of astronomical and nautical observation. Hence the latitude and longitude of the different places he touched at, the variations of the needle, and the state of the tides, are recorded for the improvement of science, and the benefit of future navigators *.

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On the seventeenth of July, our Commander took his final leave of the Friendly Islands, and resumed his voyage. An eclipse was observed in the night between the twentieth and the twenty-first; and on the eighth of August, land was discovered. Some of the inhabitants, who came off in canoes, seemed earnestly to invite our people to go on shore; but Captain Cook did not think proper to run the risk of losing the advantage of a fair wind, for the sake of examining an island which appeared to be of little consequence. Its name, as was learned from the natives, who spake the Otaheite language, is Toobouai †.

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Pursuing his course, the Captain reached Otaheite on the twelfth, and steered for Oheitepeha Bay, with an intention to anchor there, in order to draw what refreshments he could from the south-east part of the island, before he went down to Matavai. Omai's first reception amongst

* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 355. 359. 367. — 370. 385, 386. 404, 405. 414 — 421.

† Toobouai is situated in the latitude of $23^{\circ} 25'$ south, and in the longitude of $210^{\circ} 37'$ east. Its greatest extent is not above five or six miles.

his countrymen was not entirely of a flattering nature. Though several persons came on board who knew him, and one of them was his brother-in-law, there was nothing remarkably tender or striking in their meeting. An interview which Omai had, on the thirteenth, with his sister, was agreeable to the feelings of nature; for their meeting was marked with expressions of tender affection, more easy to be conceived than described. In a visit, likewise, which he received from an aunt, the old lady threw herself at his feet, and plentifully bedewed them with tears of joy.

Captain Cook was informed by the natives, that, since he was last at the island, in 1774, two ships had been twice in Oheitepeha Bay, and had left animals in the country. These, on farther enquiry, were found to be hogs, dogs, goats, one bull, and a ram. That the vessels which had visited Otaheite were Spanish, was plain from an inscription that was cut upon a wooden cross, standing at some distance from the front of a house which had been occupied by the strangers. On the transverse part of the cross was inscribed,

Christus vinxit.

And on the perpendicular part,

Carolus III. imperat. 1774.

Our Commander took this occasion to preserve

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CHAP. the memory of the prior visits of the English;
 VII by inscribing, on the other side of the post,
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Georgius tertius Rex,

Annis 1767,

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Whatever might be the intentions of the Spaniards in their visits to the island, it ought to be remembered to their honour, that they had behaved so well to the inhabitants, as always to be spoken of in the strongest expressions of esteem and veneration.

Captain Cook had at this time an important affair to settle. As he knew that he could now be furnished with a plentiful supply of cocoa nuts, the liquor of which is an excellent and wholesome beverage, he was desirous of prevailing upon his people to consent to their being abridged, during their stay at Otaheite and the neighbouring islands, of their stated allowance of spirits to mix with water. But as this stoppage of a favourite article, without assigning some reason for it, might occasion a general murmur, he thought it most prudent to assemble the ship's company, and to make known to them the design of the voyage, and the extent of the future operations. To animate them in undertaking with chearfulness and perseverance what lay before them, he took notice of the rewards offered by Parliament, to such of his Majesty's subjects as should first discover a communication between the Atlantic and

Pacific Oceans, in any direction whatever, in the northern hemisphere; and also to such as should first penetrate beyond the eighty-ninth degree of northern latitude. The Captain made no doubt, he told them, that he should find them willing to co-operate with him in attempting, as far as might be possible, to become entitled to one or both of these rewards; but that to give the best chance of success, it would be necessary to observe the utmost economy in the expenditure of the stores and provisions, particularly the latter, as there was no probability of getting a supply, any where, after leaving these islands. He strengthened his argument by reminding them, that, in consequence of the opportunity's having been lost of getting to the north this summer, the voyage must last at least a year longer than had originally been supposed. He entreated them to consider the various obstructions and difficulties they might still meet with, and the aggravated hardships they would endure, if it should be found necessary to put them to short allowance, of any species of provisions, in a cold climate. For these very substantial reasons, he submitted to them, whether it would not be better to be prudent in time, and, rather than to incur the hazard of having no spirits left, when such a cordial would most be wanted, to consent to give up their grog now, when so excellent a liquor as that of cocoa-nuts could be substituted in its place. In conclusion,

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our Commander left the determination of the matter entirely to their own choice.

This speech, which certainly partook much of the nature of true eloquence, if a discourse admirably calculated for persuasion be entitled to that character, produced its full effect on the generous minds of English seamen. Captain Cook had the satisfaction of finding, that his proposal did not remain a single moment under consideration; being unanimously and immediately approved of, without the least objection. By our Commander's order, Captain Clerke made the same proposal to his people; to which they, likewise, agreed. Accordingly, grog was no longer served, excepting on Saturday nights; when the companies of both ships had a full allowance of it, that they might drink the healths of their friends in England.

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On the twenty-fourth, Captain Cook quitted the south-east part of Otaheite, and resumed his old station in Matavai Bay. Immediately upon his arrival, he was visited by Otoo, the king of the whole island, and their former friendship was renewed; a friendship which was continued without interruption, and cemented by a perpetual succession of civilities, good offices, and entertainments. One of our Commander's first objects was to dispose of all the European animals which were in the ships. Accordingly, he conveyed to Oparre, Otoo's place of residence, a peacock and hen; a turkey cock and hen; one gander, and three geese; a drake, and four ducks. The
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geese and ducks began to breed before our navigators left their present station. There were already at Otoo's, several goats, and the Spanish bull; which was one of the finest animals of the kind that was ever seen. To the bull Captain Cook sent the three cows he had on board, together with a bull of his own; to all which were added the horse and mare, and the sheep that had still remained in the vessels.

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The Captain found himself lightened of a very heavy burthen, in having disposed of these passengers. It is not easy to conceive the trouble and vexation which had attended the conveyance of this living cargo, through such various hazards, and to so immense a distance. But the satisfaction which our Commander felt, in having been so fortunate as to fulfil his Majesty's humane designs, in sending such valuable animals, to supply the wants of two worthy nations, afforded him an ample recompense for the many anxious hours he had passed, before this subordinate object of his voyage could be carried into execution.

At this time a war was on the point of breaking out, between the inhabitants of Eimeo and those of Otaheite; and by the latter Captain Cook was requested to take a part in their favour. With this request, however, though enforced by frequent and urgent solicitations, the Captain, according to his usual wisdom, refused to comply. He alledged, that, as he was not thoroughly acquainted with the dispute, and the

CHAP. VII. 1777. people of Eimeo had never offended him, he could not think himself at liberty to engage in hostilities against them. With these reasons Otoo and most of the Chiefs appeared to be satisfied; but one of them, Towha, was so highly displeased, that our Commander never afterward recovered his friendship.

Upon the present occasion Captain Cook had full and undeniable proof that the offering of human sacrifices forms a part of the religious institutions of Otaheite. Indeed, he was a witness to a solemnity of this kind; the process of which he has particularly described, and has related it with the just sentiments of indignation and abhorrence. The unhappy victim, who was now offered to the object of worship, seemed to be a middle-aged man, and was said to be one of the lowest class of the people. But the Captain could not learn, after all his enquiries, whether the wretch had been fixed upon, on account of his having committed any crime which was supposed to be deserving of death. It is certain that a choice is generally made either of such guilty persons for the sacrifices, or of common, low fellows, who stroll about, from place to place, without any visible methods of obtaining an honest subsistence. Those who are devoted to suffer, are never apprized of their fate till the blow is given that puts an end to their being. Whenever, upon any particular emergency, one of the great Chiefs considers a human sacrifice to be necessary, he pitches upon the victim, and

then orders him to be suddenly fallen upon and killed, either with clubs or stones. Although it should be supposed, that no more than one person is ever devoted to destruction on any single occasion, at Otaheite, it will still be found that these occurrences are so frequent, as to cause a shocking waste of the human race; for our Commander counted no less than forty-nine skulls of former victims, lying before the *Morai* where he had seen another added to the number. It was apparent, from the freshness of these skulls, that no great length of time had elapsed, since the wretches to whom they belonged had been offered upon the altar of blood.

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There is reason to fear, that this custom is as extensive as it is horrid. It is highly probable that it prevails throughout the widely-diffused islands of the Pacific Ocean; and Captain Cook had particular evidence of its subsisting at the Friendly Islands. To what an extent the practice of human sacrifices was carried in the ancient world, is not unknown to the learned. Scarcely any nation was free from it in a certain state of society; and, as religious reformation is one of the last efforts of the human mind, the practice may be continued, even when the manners are otherwise far removed from savage life. It may have been a long time before civilization has made such a progress as to deprive superstition of its cruelty, and to divert it from barbarous rites to ceremonies, which, though foolish enough, are comparatively mild, gentle, and innocent.

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On the fifth of September, an accident happened, which, though slight in itself, was of some consequence from the situation of things. A young ram of the Cape breed, which had been lambed and brought up with great care on board the ship, was killed by a dog. Desirous as Captain Cook was of propagating so useful a race, among the Society Islands, the loss of a ram was a serious misfortune. It was the only one he had of that breed; and of the English breed a single ram was all that remained.

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Captain Cook and Captain Clerke, on the fourteenth, mounted on horseback, and took a ride round the plain of Matavai, to the great surprize of a large number of the natives, who attended upon the occasion, and gazed upon the gentlemen with as much astonishment as if they had been Centaurs. What the two Captains had begun, was afterwards repeated every day, by one and another of our people; notwithstanding which, the curiosity of the Otaheitans still continued unabated. They were exceedingly delighted with these animals, after they had seen the use which was made of them. Not all the novelties, put together, which European visitors had carried amongst the inhabitants, inspired them with so high an idea of the greatness of distant nations.

Though Captain Cook would not take a part in the quarrels between the islands, he was ready to protect his particular friends, when in danger of being injured. Towha, who commanded the

expedition against Eimeo, had been obliged to submit to a disgraceful accommodation. Being full of resentment on account of his not having been properly supported, he was said to have threatened, that, as soon as the Captain should leave the island, he would join his forces to those of Tiaraboo, and attack Otoo at Matavai or Oparre. This induced our Commander to declare, in the most public manner, that he was determined to espouse the interest of his friend, against any such combination; and that whoever presumed to assault him, should feel the weight of his heavy displeasure, when he returned again to Otaheite. Captain Cook's declaration had probably the desired effect; for, if Towha had formed hostile intentions, no more was heard of the matter.

The manner in which our Commander was freed from a rheumatic complaint, that consisted of a pain extending from the hip to the foot, deserves to be recorded. Otoo's mother, his three sisters, and eight other women, went on board for the express purpose of undertaking the cure of his disorder. He accepted of their friendly offer, had a bed spread for them on the cabin floor, and submitted himself to their directions. Being desired to lay himself down amongst them, then, as many of them as could get round him began to squeeze him with both hands, from head to foot, but more particularly in the part where the pain was lodged, till they made his bones crack, and his flesh became a perfect mummy.

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 VII. of an hour, he was glad to be released from the
 1777. women. The operation, however, gave him immediate relief; so that he was encouraged to submit to another rubbing-down before he went to bed; the consequence of which was, that he was tolerably easy all the succeeding night. His female physicians repeated their prescription the next morning, and again in the evening; after which his pains were entirely removed, and the cure was perfected. This operation, which is called *Romee*; is universally practised among these islanders; being sometimes performed by the men, but more generally by the women.

27 Sept. Captain Cook, who now had come to the resolution of departing soon from Otaheite, accompanied, on the twenty seventh, Otoo to Oparre, and examined the cattle and poultry, which he had consigned to his friend's care at that place. Every thing was in a promising way, and properly attended. The Captain procured from Otoo four goats; two of which he designed to leave at Ulietea, where none had as yet been introduced; and the other two he proposed to reserve for the use of any islands he might chance to meet with in his passage to the north. On the next day, Otoo came on board, and informed our Commander, that he had gotten a canoe, which he desired him to carry home, as a present to the *Earee rahie no Pretane*. This, he said, was the only thing he could send which was worthy of his Majesty's acceptance. Captain Cook was not a little plea-

fed with Otoo, for this mark of his gratitude; and the more, as the thought was entirely his own. Not one of our people had given him the least hint concerning it; and it shewed that he was fully sensible to whom he stood indebted for the most valuable presents that he had received. As the canoe was too large to be taken on board, the Captain could only thank him for his good intentions; but it would have given him a much greater satisfaction if his present could have been accepted.

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During this visit of our voyagers to Otaheite, such a cordial friendship and confidence subsisted between them and the natives, as never once to be interrupted by any untoward accident. Our Commander had made the Chiefs fully sensible, that it was their interest to treat with him on fair and equitable terms, and to keep their people from plundering or stealing. So great was Otoo's attachment to the English, that he seemed pleased with the idea of their having a permanent settlement at Matavai; not considering that from that time he would be deprived of his kingdom, and the inhabitants of their liberties. Captain Cook had too much gratitude and regard for these islanders, to wish that such an event should ever take place. Though our occasional visits may, in some respects; have been of advantage to the natives, he was afraid that a durable establishment among them, conducted as most European establishments amongst Indian nations have unfortunately been, would give them just

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 VII. by our navigators. It is not, indeed, likely that
 1777. a measure of this kind should at any time seriously be adopted, because it cannot serve either the purposes of public ambition, or private avarice; and, without such inducements, the Captain has ventured to pronounce that it will never be undertaken.

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From Otaheite our voyagers sailed, on the thirtieth, to Eimeo, where they came to an anchor, on the same day. At this island, the transactions which happened were, for the most part, very unpleasant. A goat, which was stolen, was recovered without any extraordinary difficulty, and one of the thieves was, at the same time, surrendered; being the first instance of the kind that our Commander had met with in his connexions with the Society Islands. The stealing of another goat was attended with an uncommon degree of perplexity and trouble. As the recovery of it was a matter of no small importance, Captain Cook was determined to effect this at any rate; and accordingly he made an expedition cross the island, in the course of which he set fire to six or eight houses, and burnt a number of war canoes. At last, in consequence of a peremptory message to Maheine, the Chief of Eimeo, that not a single canoe should be left in the country, or an end be put to the contest, unless the animal in his possession should be restored, the goat was brought back. This quarrel was as much regretted on the part of the Captain, as it could

be on that of the natives. It grieved him to reflect, that, after refusing the pressing solicitations of his friends at Otaheite to favour their invasion of this island, he should find himself so speedily reduced to the necessity of engaging in such hostilities as perhaps, had been more injurious to them than Towha's expedition.

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On the eleventh of October, the ships departed from Eimeo, and the next day arrived at Owharré harbour, on the west side of Huaheine. The grand business of our Commander at this island was the settlement of Omai. In order to obtain the consent of the Chiefs of the island, the affair was conducted with great solemnity. Omai dressed himself very properly on the occasion; brought with him a suitable assortment of presents; went through a variety of religious ceremonies; and made a speech, the topics of which had been dictated to him by our Commander. The result of the negotiation was, that a spot of ground was assigned him, the extent of which, along the shore of the harbour, was about two hundred yards; and its depth, to the foot of the hill, somewhat more. A proportionable part of the hill was included in the grant. This business having been adjusted in a satisfactory manner, the carpenters of both ships were employed in building a small house for Omai, in which he might secure his European commodities. At the same time, some of the English made a garden for his use, in which they planted shaddocks, vines, pine-apples, melons, and the seeds of

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VII. Captain Cook had the satisfaction of seeing in a
1777. flourishing state before he left the island.

At Huaheine Omai found a brother, a sister, and a brother-in-law, by whom he was received with great regard and tenderness. But though these people were faithful and affectionate in their attachment to him, the Captain discovered, with concern, that they were of too little consequence in the island to be capable of rendering him any positive service. They had not either authority or influence to protect his person or property; and, in such a situation, there was reason to apprehend, that he might be in danger of being stripped of all his possessions, as soon as he should cease to be supported by the power of the English. To prevent this evil, if possible, our Commander advised him to conciliate the favour and engage the patronage and protection of two or three of the principal Chiefs, by a proper distribution of some of his moveables; with which advice he prudently complied. Captain Cook, however, did not entirely trust to the operations of gratitude, but had recourse to the more forcible motive of intimidation. With this view, he took every opportunity of signifying to the inhabitants, that it was his intention to return to the island again, after being absent the usual time, and that, if he did not find Omai in the same state of security in which he left him, all those whom he should then discover to have been his enemies should feel the weight of his resentment. As the natives had now formed an

opinion that their country would be visited by the ships of England at stated periods, there was ground to hope that this threatening declaration would produce no inconsiderable effect.

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When Omai's house was nearly finished, and many of his moveables were carried ashore, a box of toys excited the admiration of the multitude in a much higher degree than articles of a more useful nature. With regard to his pots, kettles, dishes, plates, drinking-mugs, glasses, and the whole train of domestic accommodations, which in our estimation are so necessary and important, scarcely any one of his countrymen would condescend to look upon them. Omai himself, being sensible that these pieces of English furniture would be of no great consequence in his present situation, wisely sold a number of them, among the people of the ships, for hatches, and other iron tools, which had a more intrinsic value in this part of the world, and would give him a more distinguished superiority over those with whom he was to pass the remainder of his days.

Omai's family, when he settled at Huaheine, consisted of eight or ten persons, if that can be called a family, to which a single female did not as yet belong, nor was likely to belong, unless its master should become less volatile. There was nothing in his present temper which seemed likely to dispose him to look out for a wife; and, perhaps, it is to be apprehended, that his residence in England had not contributed to improve

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VII. with some woman of his own country.

1777. The European weapons of Omai consisted of a musquet, bayonet, and cartouch-box; a fowling-piece; two pair of pistols; and two or three swords or cutlasses. With the possession of these warlike implements, he was highly delighted; and it was only to gratify his eager desire for them, that Captain Cook was induced to make him such presents. The Captain would otherwise have thought it happier for him to be without fire-arms, or any European weapons, lest an imprudent use of them (and prudence was not his most distinguished talent) should rather encrease his dangers than establish his superiority. Though it was no small satisfaction to our Commander to reflect, that he had brought Omai safe back to the very spot from which he had been taken, this satisfaction was, nevertheless, somewhat diminished by the consideration, that his situation might now be less desirable than it was before his connexion with the English. It was to be feared, that the advantages which he had derived from his visit to England would place him in a more hazardous state with respect to his personal safety.

Whatever faults belonged to Omai's character, they were overbalanced by his good-nature and his gratitude. He had a tolerable share of understanding, but it was not accompanied with application and perseverance; so that his knowledge of things was very general, and in most

instances imperfect; nor was he a man of much observation. He would not, therefore, be able to introduce many of the arts and customs of England among his countrymen, or greatly to improve those to which they have long been habituated. Captain Cook, however, was confident that he would endeavour to bring to perfection the fruits and vegetables which had been planted in his garden. This of itself would be no small acquisition to the natives. But the greatest benefit which these islands are likely to receive from Omai's travels, will be in the animals that are left upon them; and which, had it not been for his coming to England, they might probably never have obtained. When these multiply, of which Captain Cook thought there was little reason to doubt, Otaheite, and the Society Islands, will equal, if not exceed, any country in the known world, for plenty of provisions.

Before our Commander sailed from Huaheine, he had the following inscription cut on the outside of Omai's house :

Georgius Tertius, Rex, 2 Novembris, 1777.

Naves { *Resolution, Jac. Cook, Pr.*
 { *Discovery, Car. Clerke, Pr.*

On the same day, Omai took his final leave of our navigators, in doing which he bade farewell to all the officers in a very affectionate manner. He sustained himself with a manly resolution till he came to Captain Cook, when his utmost ef-

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subject, I shall here mention, that when the
Captain was at Ulietea, a fortnight after this
event, Omai sent two men with the satisfactory
intelligence, that he remained undisturbed by the
people of Huaheine, and that every thing suc-
ceeded well with him, excepting in the loss of
his goat, which had died in kidding. This in-
telligence was accompanied with a request that
another goat might be given him, together with
two axes. Our Commander esteeming himself
happy in having an additional opportunity of
serving him, dispatched the messengers back with
the axes, and a couple of kids, male and female,
which were spared for him out of the Discovery.

The fate of the two youths who had been
brought from New Zealand must not be forgot-
ten. As they were extremely desirous of continu-
ing with our people, Captain Cook would have
carried them to England with him, if there had
appeared the most distant probability of their
ever being restored to their own country. Ti-
arooa, the eldest of them, was a very well-dis-
posed young man, with strong natural sense, and
a capacity of receiving any instruction. He seemed
to be fully convinced of the inferiority of New
Zealand to these islands, and resigned himself,
though not without some degree of reluctance,
to end his days, in ease and plenty, in Huaheine.
The other had formed so strong an attachment

to our navigators, that it was necessary to take him out of the ship, and carry him ashore by force. This necessity was the more painful, as he was a witty, smart boy; and, on that account, a great favourite on board. Both these youths became a part of Omai's family.

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Whilst our voyagers were at Huaheine, the atrocious conduct of one particular thief occasioned so much trouble, that the Captain punished him more severely than he had ever done any culprit before. Besides having his head and beard shaved, he ordered both his ears to be cut off, and then dismissed him. It can scarcely be reflected upon without regret, that our Commander should have been compelled to such an act of severity.

On the third of November, the ships came to an anchor in the harbour of Ohamaneno, in the island of Ulietea. The observatories being set up on the sixth, and the necessary instruments having been carried on shore, the two following days were employed in making astronomical observations. In the night between the twelfth and thirteenth, John Harrison, a marine, who was sentinel at the observatory, deserted, taking with him his arms and accoutrements. Captain Cook exerted himself, on this occasion, with his usual vigour. He went himself in pursuit of the deserter, who, after some evasion on the part of the inhabitants, was surrendered. He was found sitting between two women, with the musquet lying before him; and all the defence he was able to make was, that he had been enticed away by the natives.

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As this account was probably the truth, and as it appeared besides, that he had remained upon his post till within ten minutes of the time when he was to have been relieved, the punishment which the Captain inflicted upon him was not very severe.

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Some days after, a still more troublesome affair happened, of the same nature. On the morning of the twenty-fourth, the Captain was informed that a midshipman, and a seaman, both belonging to the Discovery, were missing; and it soon appeared that they had gone away in a canoe, in the preceding evening, and had now reached the other end of the island. As the midshipman was known to have expressed a desire of remaining at these islands, it was evident that he and his companion had gone off with that intention. Though Captain Clerke immediately set out in quest of them, with two armed boats, and a party of marines, his expedition proved fruitless, the natives having amused him the whole day with false intelligence. The next morning an account was brought that the deserters were at Otaha. As they were not the only persons in the ships who wished to spend their days at these favourite islands, it became necessary, for the purpose of preventing any farther desertion, to recover them at all events. Captain Cook, therefore, in order to convince the inhabitants that he was in earnest, resolved to go after the fugitives himself; to which measure he was determined, from having observed, in repeated instances,

stances, that the natives had seldom offered to deceive him with false information.

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Agreeably to this resolution, the Captain set out, the next morning, with two armed boats, being accompanied by Oreo, the Chief of Ulietea, and proceeded immediately to Otaha. But when he had gotten to the place where the deserters were expected to be found, he was acquainted that they were gone over to Bolabola. Thither our Commander did not think proper to follow them, having determined to pursue another measure, which he judged would more effectually answer his purpose. This measure was, to put the Chief's son, daughter, and son-in-law, into confinement, and to detain them till the fugitives should be restored. As to Oreo, he was informed, that he was at liberty to leave the ship whenever he pleased, and to take such methods as he esteemed best calculated to get our two men back; that, if he succeeded, his friends should be released; if not, that Captain Cook was resolved to carry them away with him. The Captain added, that the Chief's own conduct, as well as that of many of his people, in assisting the runaways to escape, and in enticing others to follow them, would justify any step that could be taken to put a stop to such proceedings. In consequence of this explanation of our Commander's views and intentions, Oreo zealously exerted himself to recover the deserters; for which purpose he dispatched a canoe to Bolabola, with a message to Opoony, the fover-

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eign of that island, acquainting him with what had happened, and requesting him to seize the two fugitives, and send them back. The messenger, who was no less a person than the father of Pootoe, Oreo's son-in-law, came, before he set out, to Captain Cook, to receive his commands; which were, not to return without the runaways, and to inform Opoony, that, if they had left Bolabola, he must dispatch canoes in pursuit of them, till they should finally be restored. These vigorous measures were, at length, successful. On the twenty-eighth, the deserters were brought back; and, as soon as they were on board, the three prisoners were released. Our Commander would not have acted so resolutely on the present occasion, had he not been peculiarly solicitous to save the son of a brother officer from being lost to his country.

While this affair was in suspense, some of the natives, from their anxiety on account of the confinement of the Chief's relations, had formed a design of a very serious nature; which was no less than to seize upon the persons of Captain Clerke and Captain Cook. With regard to Captain Clerke, they made no secret of speaking of their scheme, the day after it was discovered. But their first and grand plan of operations was to lay hold of Captain Cook. It was his custom to bathe, every evening, in fresh water; in doing which he frequently went alone, and always without arms. As the inhabitants expected him to go, as usual, on the evening of

the twenty-sixth; they had determined at that time to make him a prisoner. But he had thought it prudent, after confining Oreo's family, to avoid putting himself in their power; and had cautioned Captain Clerke, and the officers, not to venture themselves far from the ships. In the course of the afternoon, the Chief asked Captain Cook, three several times, if he would not go to the bathing-place; and when he found, at last, that the Captain could not be prevailed upon, he went off, with all his people. He was apprehensive, without doubt, that the design was discovered; though no suspicion of it was then entertained by our Commander, who imagined that the natives were seized with some sudden fright, from which, as usual, they would quickly recover. On one occasion, Captain Clerke and Mr. Gore were in particular danger. A party of the inhabitants, armed with clubs, advanced against them; and their safety was principally owing to Captain Clerke's walking with a pistol in his hand, which he once fired. The discovery of the conspiracy, especially so far as respected Captain Clerke and Mr. Gore, was made by a girl, whom one of the officers had brought from Huaheine. On this account, those who were charged with the execution of the design were so greatly offended with her, that they threatened to take away her life, as soon as our navigators should leave the island: but proper methods were pursued for her security. It was a happy circumstance that the affair was brought to light; since

CHAP. VII. 1777. Such a scheme could not have been carried into effect, without being, in its consequences, productive of much distress and calamity to the natives.

Whilst Captain Cook was at Ulitea, he was visited by his old friend Oree, who, in the former voyages, was Chief, or rather Regent, of Huaheine. Notwithstanding his now being, in some degree, reduced to the rank of a private person, he still preserved his consequence; never appeared without a numerous body of attendants, and was always provided with such presents as indicated his wealth, and were highly acceptable.

8 Dec. The last of the Society Islands to which our Commander sailed, was Bolabola, where he arrived on the eighth of December. His chief view in passing over to this island was to procure from its monarch, Opoony, an anchor which Monsieur de Bougainville had lost at Otaheite, and which had been conveyed to Bolabola. It was not from a want of anchors that Captain Cook was desirous of making the purchase, but to convert the iron of which it consisted into a fresh assortment of trading articles, these being now very much exhausted. The Captain succeeded in his negociation, and amply rewarded Opoony for giving up the anchor.

Whilst our Commander was at Bolabola, he received an account of those military expeditions of the people of this country, which he had heard much of in each of his three voyages, and

which had ended in the complete conquest of Ulitea and Otaha. The Bolabola men, in consequence of these enterprises, were in the highest reputation for their valour; and, indeed, were deemed so invincible as to be objects of terror to all the neighbouring islands. It was an addition to their fame that their country was of such small extent, being not more than eight leagues in compass, and not half so large as Ulitea.

Captain Cook continued to the last his zeal for furnishing the natives of the South Sea with useful animals. At Bolabola, where there was already a ram, which had originally been left by the Spaniards at Otaheite, he carried ashore an ewe, that had been brought from the Cape of Good Hope; and he rejoiced in the prospect of laying a foundation, by this present, for a breed of sheep in the island. He left also at Ulitea, under the care of Oreo, an English boar and sow, and two goats. It may, therefore, be regarded as certain, that not only Otaheite, but all the neighbouring islands, will, in a few years, have their race of hogs considerably improved; and it is probable, that they will be stocked with all the valuable animals, which have been transported thither by their European visitors. When this shall be accomplished, no part of the world will equal these islands, in the variety and abundance of the refreshments which they will be able to afford to navigators; nor did the Captain know any place that excelled them, even in their present state.

CHAP. VII. 1777. It is an observation of great importance, that the future felicity of the inhabitants of Otaheite, and the Society Islands, will not a little depend on their continuing to be visited from Europe. Our Commander could not avoid expressing it as his real opinion, that it would have been far better for these poor people, never to have known our superiority in the accommodations and arts which render life comfortable, than, after once knowing it, to be again left and abandoned to their original incapacity of improvement. If the intercourse between them and us should wholly be discontinued, they cannot be restored to that happy mediocrity in which they lived before they were first discovered. It seemed to Captain Cook that it was become, in a manner, incumbent upon the Europeans to visit these islands once in three or four years, in order to supply the natives with those conveniences which we have introduced among them, and for which we have given them a predilection. Perhaps they may heavily feel the want of such occasional supplies, when it may be too late to go back to their old and less perfect contrivances; contrivances which they now despise, and which they have discontinued since the introduction of ours. It is, indeed, to be apprehended, that by the time that the iron tools, of which they had become possessed, are worn out, they will have almost lost the knowledge of their own. In this last voyage of our Commander, a stone hatchet was as rare a thing among the inhabitants as an

iron one was eight years before; and a chissel of bone or stone was not to be seen. Spike-nails had succeeded in their place; and of spike-nails the natives were weak enough to imagine that they had gotten an inexhaustible store. Of all our commodities, axes and hatchets remained the most unrivalled; and they must ever be held in the highest estimation through the whole of the islands. Iron tools are so strikingly useful, and are now become so necessary to the comfortable existence of the inhabitants, that, should they cease to receive supplies of them, their situation, in consequence of their neither possessing the materials, nor being trained up to the art of fabricating them, would be rendered completely miserable. It is impossible to reflect upon this representation of things without strong feelings of sympathy and concern. Sincerely is it to be wished, that such may be the order of events, and such the intercourse carried on with the southern islanders, that, instead of finally suffering by their acquaintance with us, they may rise to a higher state of civilization, and permanently enjoy blessings far superior to what they had heretofore known.

Amidst the various subordinate employments which engaged the attention of Captain Cook and his associates, the great objects of their duty were never forgotten. No opportunity was lost of making astronomical and nautical observations; the consequence of which was, that the latitude

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and longitude of the places where the ships anchored, the variations of the compass, the dips of the needle, and the state of the tides, were ascertained with an accuracy that forms a valuable addition to philosophical science, and will be of eminent service to future navigators.

Our Commander was now going to take his final departure from Otaheite and the Society Islands. Frequently as they had been visited, it might have been imagined that their religious, political, and domestic regulations, manners, and customs, must, by this time, be thoroughly understood. A great accession of knowledge was undoubtedly gained in the present voyage; and yet it was confessed, both by Captain Cook and Mr. Anderson, that their accounts of things were still imperfect in various respects; and that they continued strangers to many of the most important institutions which prevail among the natives. There was one part of the character of several of these people, on which the well-regulated mind of the Captain would not permit him to enlarge. "Too much," says he, "seems to have been already known, and published in our former relations, about some of the modes of life, that made Otaheite so agreeable an abode to many on board our ships; and if I could now add any finishing strokes to a picture, the outlines of which have been already drawn with sufficient accuracy, I should still have hesitated to make this journal the place for exhibiting a view of

" licentious manners, which could only serve to
 " disgust those for whose information I write *." CHAP.
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From Mr. Anderson's account of the Otaheitans, it appears, that their religious system is extensive, and, in various instances, singular. They do not seem to pay respect to one God as possessing pre-eminence, but believe in a plurality of divinities, all of whom are supposed to be very powerful. In different parts of the island, and in the neighbouring islands, the inhabitants chuse those deities for the objects of their worship, who, they think, are most likely to protect them, and to supply all their wants. If, however, they are disappointed in their expectations, they esteem it no impiety to change their divinity, by having recourse to another, whom they hope to find more propitious and successful. In general, their notions concerning Deity are extravagantly absurd. With regard to the soul, they believe it, according to Mr. Anderson, to be both immaterial and immortal; but he acknowledges, that they are far from entertaining those sublime expectations of future happiness which the Christian revelation affords, and which even reason alone, duly exercised, might teach us to expect †.

Although seventeen months had elapsed since Captain Cook's departure from England, during

* Cook's Voyage to the Pacific Ocean, vol. ii. p.
 1—140.

† Ibid. p. 162—165.

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 1777. unprofitably employed, he was sensible that, with
 respect to the principal object of his instructions,
 it was now only the commencement of his
 voyage; and that, therefore, his attention
 was to be called anew, to every circumstance
 which might contribute towards the safety of
 his people, and the ultimate success of the expe-
 dition. Accordingly, he had examined into the
 state of the provisions, whilst he was at the
 Society Islands; and, as soon as he had left them,
 and had gotten beyond the extent of his former
 discoveries, he ordered a survey to be taken of
 all the boatswain's and carpenter's stores which
 were in the ships, that he might be fully in-
 formed of their quantity and condition; and, by
 that means, know how to use them to the greatest
 advantage.

8 Dec. It was on the eighth of December, the very day
 on which he had touched there, that our Com-
 23. mander sailed from Bolabola. In the night be-
 tween the twenty-second and twenty-third, he
 24. crossed the line, in the longitude of $203^{\circ} 15'$
 east; and on the twenty-fourth, land was disco-
 vered, which was found to be one of those low
 uninhabited islands that are so frequent in this
 ocean. Here our voyagers were successful in
 catching a large quantity of turtle, which supplied
 them with an agreeable refreshment; and here,
 28. on the twenty-eighth, an eclipse of the sun was
 observed by Mr. Bayly, Mr. King, and Captain
 Cook. On account of the season of the year,

the Captain called the land where he now was, CHAP. VII. 1777.
 and which he judged to be about fifteen or
 twenty leagues in circumference, CHRISTMAS
 ISLAND *. By his order, several cocoa-nuts
 and yams were planted, and some melon-seeds
 sown, in proper places; and a bottle was left,
 containing this inscription:

Georgius Tertius, Rex, 31 Decembris, 1777.

Naves { *Resolution, Jac. Cook, Pr.*
 { *Discovery, Car. Clerke, Pr.†*

On the second of January, 1778, the ships
 resumed their course to the northward, and though
 several evidences occurred of the vicinity of
 land, none was discovered till the eighteenth,
 when an island made its appearance, bearing north-
 east by east. Soon after, more land was seen,
 lying towards the north, and entirely detached
 from the former. The succeeding day was dis-
 tinguished by the discovery of a third island, in
 the direction of west-north-west, and as far distant
 as the eye could reach. In steering towards the
 second island, our voyagers had some doubt
 whether the land before them was inhabited;
 but this matter was speedily cleared up, by the
 putting off of some canoes from the shore, con-
 taining from three to six men each. Upon their

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* The west side of it, on which the eclipse was observ-
 ed, lies in the latitude of $1^{\circ} 59'$ north, and in the
 longitude of $202^{\circ} 30'$ east.

† Cook's voyage, ubi supra, p. 179—189.

CHAP. approach, the English were agreeably surpris'd
VII. to find, that they spoke the language of Otaheite,
1778. and of the other countries which had lately been
20 January visit'd. These people were at first fearful of
going on board; but when, on the twentieth,
some of them took courage, and ventured to do
it, they express'd an astonishment, on entering
the ship, which Captain Cook had never experi-
enced in the natives of any place, during the
whole course of his several voyages. Their eyes
continually flew from object to object; and, by
the wildness of their looks and gestures, they
fully manifest'd their entire ignorance with rela-
tion to every thing they saw, and strongly mark'd
to our navigators, that, till this time, they had
never been visit'd by Europeans, or been ac-
quainted with any of our commodities, excepting
iron. Even with respect to iron, it was evident
that they had only heard of it, or, at most, had
known it in some small quantity, brought to
them at a distant period; for all they understood
concerning it was, that it was a substance much
better adapted to the purposes of cutting, or the
boring of holes, than any thing their own
country produced. Their ceremonies on entering
the ship, their gestures and motions, and their
manner of singing, were similar to those which
our voyagers had been accustomed to see in the
places lately visit'd. There was, likewise, a
farther circumstance in which these people per-
fectly resembled the other islanders; and that was,
in their endeavouring to steal whatever came

within their reach; or rather to take it openly, as what would either not be resented, or not hindered. The English soon convinced them of their mistake, by keeping such a watchful eye over them, that they afterwards were obliged to be less active in appropriating to themselves every object that struck upon their fancy, and excited the desire of possession.

One order given by Captain Cook at this island was, that none of the boats crews should be permitted to go on shore; the reason of which was, that he might do every thing in his power to prevent the importation of a fatal disease, which, unhappily, had already been communicated in other places. With the same view, he directed that all female visitors should be excluded from the ships. Another necessary precaution, taken by the Captain, was a strict injunction, that no person, known to be capable of propagating disorder, should be sent upon duty out of the vessels. Thus zealous was the humanity of our Commander, to prevent an irreparable injury from being done to the natives. There are men who glory in their shame, and who do not care how much evil they communicate. Of this there was an instance at Tongataboo, in the gunner of the *Discovery*, who had been stationed on shore to manage the trade for that ship; and who, though he was well acquainted with his own situation, continued to have connexions with different women. His companions expostulated with him without effect, till Captain

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C H A P. Clerke, hearing of the dangerous irregularity of
VII. his conduct, ordered him on board. If I knew
1778. the rascal's name, I would hang it up, as far
sa lies in my power, to everlasting infamy.

Mr. Williamson being sent with the boats, to search for water, and attempting to land, the inhabitants came down in such numbers, and were so violent in their endeavours to seize upon the oars, musquets, and, in short, every thing they could lay hold of, that he was obliged to fire, by which one man was killed. This unhappy circumstance was not known to Captain Cook till after he had left the island; so that all his measures were directed as if nothing of the kind had happened.

When the ships were brought to an anchor, our Commander went on shore; and, at the very instant of his doing it, the collected body of the natives all fell flat upon their faces, and continued in that humble posture, till, by expressive signs, he prevailed upon them to rise. Other ceremonies followed; and the next day a trade was set on foot for hogs and potatoes, which the people of the island gave in exchange for nails and pieces of iron, formed into something like chissels. So far was any obstruction from being met, with in watering, that, on the contrary, the inhabitants assisted our men in rolling the casks to and from the pool; and readily performed whatever was required.

Affairs thus going on to the Captain's satisfaction, he made an excursion into the country,

accompanied by Mr. Anderfon and Mr. Webber, the former of whom was as well qualified to describe with the pen, as the latter was to represent with his pencil, whatever might occur worthy of observation. In this excursion, the gentlemen, among other objects that called for their attention, found a *Morai*, a particular description of which, together with drawings of it, are given in the Voyage. On the return of our Commander, he had the pleasure of finding that a brisk trade for pigs, fowls, and roots was carrying on with the greatest good order, and without any attempt to cheat, or steal, on the part of the natives. The rapacious disposition they at first displayed, was entirely corrected by their conviction that it could not be exercised with impunity. Among the articles which they brought to barter, the most remarkable was a particular sort of cloak and cap, that might be reckoned elegant, even in countries where dress is eminently the object of attention. The cloak was richly adorned with red and yellow feathers, which in themselves were highly beautiful, and the newness and freshness of which added not a little to their beauty.

On the twenty-second, a circumstance occurred, which gave the English room to suspect that the people of the island are eaters of human flesh. Not, however, to rest the belief of the existence of so horrid a practice on the foundation of suspicion only, Captain Cook was anxious to enquire into the truth of the fact, the result of

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 XVI. man, in particular, who was asked upon the
 1778- subject, answered in the affirmative, and seemed
 to laugh at the simplicity of such a question.
 His answer was equally affirmative on a repetition
 of the enquiry; and he added that the flesh of
 men was excellent food, or, as he expressed it,
 "favoury eating." It is understood that enemies
 slain in battle are the sole objects of this abo-
 minable custom.

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The island at which our voyagers had now
 touched, was called Atooi by the natives. Near
 it was another island, named Oneecheow, where
 our Commander came to an anchor on the
 twenty-ninth of the month. The inhabitants
 were found to resemble those of Atooi in their
 dispositions, manners, and customs; and proofs,
 too convincing, appeared that the horrid banquet
 of human flesh is here as much relished, amidst
 plenty, as it is in New Zealand. From a desire
 of benefiting these people, by furnishing them
 with additional articles of food, the Captain left
 with them a ram-goat and two ewes, a boar
 and sow-pig of the English breed, and the seeds
 of melons, pumpkins, and onions. These bene-
 volent presents would have been made to Atooi,
 the larger island, had not our navigators been
 unexpectedly driven from it by stress of weather.
 Though the soil of Oneecheow seemed, in gene-
 ral, poor, it was observable, that the ground
 was covered with shrubs and plants, some of
 which perfumed the air with a more delicious
 fragrancy

fragrancy than what Captain Cook had met with at any other of the countries that had been visited by him in this part of the world.

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It is a curious circumstance, with regard to the islands in the Pacific Ocean which the late European voyages have added to the geography of the globe, that they have generally been found to lie in groups, or clusters. The single intermediate islands, which have as yet been discovered, are few in proportion to the others, though there are probably many more of them that are still unknown, and may serve as steps, by which the several clusters are, in some degree, connected together. Of the Archipelago now first visited, there were five only with which our Commander became at this time acquainted. The names of these, as given by the natives, were Woahoo, Atooi, Oneehew, Oreehoua, and Tahoorā. To the whole group Captain Cook gave the appellation of SANDWICH ISLANDS, in honour of his great friend and patron, the Earl of Sandwich*.

Concerning the island of Atooi, which is the largest of the five, and which was the principal scene of the Captain's operations, he collected, in conjunction with Mr. Anderson, a considerable degree of information. The land, as to its

* The islands that were seen by Captain Cook, are situated in the latitude of $21^{\circ} 30'$ and $22^{\circ} 15'$ north, and between the longitude of $199^{\circ} 20'$ and $201^{\circ} 30'$ east. It was in consequence of seventy-two sets of lunar observations that the longitude was determined.

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general appearance, does not in the least resemble any of the islands that our voyagers had hitherto visited within the tropic, on the south side of the equator; excepting so far as regards its hills near the centre, which slope gently towards the sea. Hogs, dogs, and fowls, were the only tame or domestic animals that were here found, and these were of the same kind with those which exist in the countries of the South Pacific Ocean. Among the inhabitants (who are of a middle stature, and firmly made), there is a more remarkable equality in the size, colour, and figure of both sexes, than our Commander had observed in most other places. They appeared to be blest with a frank and chearful disposition; and, in Captain Cook's opinion, they are equally free from the fickle levity which distinguishes the natives of Otaheite, and the sedate cast discernible amongst many of those of Tongataboo. It is a very pleasing circumstance in their character, that they pay a particular attention to their women, and readily lend assistance to their wives, in the tender offices of maternal duty. On all occasions, they seemed to be deeply impressed with a consciousness of their own inferiority; being alike strangers to the preposterous pride of the more polished Japanese, and of the ruder Greenlander. Contrary to the general practice of the countries that had hitherto been discovered in the Pacific Ocean, the people of the Sandwich Islands have not their ears perforated; nor have they the least idea of

wearing ornaments in them, though, in other respects, they are sufficiently fond of adorning their persons. In every thing manufactured by them there is an uncommon degree of neatness and ingenuity; and the elegant form and polish of some of their fishing-hooks could not be exceeded by any European artist, even if he should add all his knowledge in design to the number and convenience of his tools. From what was seen of their agriculture, sufficient proofs were afforded that they are not novices in that art; and that the quantity and goodness of their vegetable productions may as much be attributed to skilful culture, as to natural fertility of soil. Amidst all the resemblances between the natives of Atooi, and those of Otaheite, the coincidence of their languages was the most striking; being, almost word for word, the same. Had the Sandwich Islands been discovered by the Spaniards, at an early period, they would undoubtedly have taken advantage of so excellent a situation, and have made use of them as refreshing places to their ships, which sail annually from Acapulco for Manilla. Happy, too, would it have been for Lord Anson, if he had known that there existed a group of islands, half way between America and Tinian, where all his wants could effectually have been supplied, and the different hardships to which he was exposed have been avoided*.

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* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 179—252.

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7 March.

On the second of February, our navigators pursued their course to the northward, in doing which the incidents they met with were almost entirely of a nautical kind. The long-looked for coast of New Albion was seen on the seventh of March, the ships being then in the latitude of $44^{\circ} 33'$ north, and in the longitude of $235^{\circ} 20'$ east. As the vessels ranged along the west side of America, Captain Cook gave names to several capes and head-lands which appeared in sight. At length, on the twenty-ninth, the Captain came to an anchor at an inlet where the appearance of the country differed much from what had been seen before; being full of mountains, the summits of which were covered with snow; while the valleys between them, and the grounds on the sea-coast, high as well as low, were covered, to a considerable breadth, with high, strait trees, which formed a beautiful prospect, as of one vast forest*. It was immediately found that the coast was inhabited; and there soon came off to the Resolution three canoes, containing eighteen of the natives; who could not, however, be prevailed upon to venture themselves on board. Notwithstanding this, they displayed a peaceable disposition; shewed great readiness to part with any thing they had, in exchange for what was offered them; and expressed a stronger desire for iron than for any other of our commercial articles, appearing to be perfectly acquainted with

* When this land was seen, the ships were in the latitude of $49^{\circ} 29'$ north, and the longitude of $232^{\circ} 29'$ east.

the use of that metal. From these favourable circumstances, our voyagers had reason to hope that they should find this a comfortable station to supply all their wants, and to make them forget the hardships and delays which they had experienced during a constant succession of adverse winds, and boisterous weather, almost ever since their arrival upon the coast of America*.

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The ships having happily found an excellent inlet, the coasts of which appeared to be inhabited by a race of people who were disposed to maintain a friendly intercourse with strangers, Captain Cook's first object was to search for a commodious harbour; and he had little trouble in discovering what he wanted. A trade having immediately commenced, the articles which the inhabitants offered to sale were the skins of various animals, such as bears, wolves, foxes, deer, raccoons, polecats, martins; and, in particular, of the sea-otters. To these were added, besides the skins in their native shape, garments made of them; another sort of clothing, formed from the bark of a tree; and various different pieces of workmanship. But of all the articles brought to market, the most extraordinary were human skulls, and hands not yet quite stripped of their flesh; some of which had evident marks of their having been upon the fire. The things which the natives took in exchange for their commodities, were knives, chissels, pieces of iron and

* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 253. 258. 264—267.

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from our people, than any other nation that had been visited in the course of the voyage.

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Of all the uncivilized tribes which our Commander had met with in his several navigations, he never found any who had such strict notions of their having a right to the exclusive property of every thing which their country produces, as the inhabitants of the Sound where he was now stationed. At first, they wanted to be paid for the wood and water that were carried on board; and had the Captain been upon the spot, when the demands were made, he would certainly have complied with them: but the workmen, in his absence, maintained a different opinion, and refused to submit to any such claims. When some grass, which appeared to be of no use to the natives, was wanted to be cut, as food for the few goats and sheep which still remained on board, they insisted, that it should be purchased; and were very unreasonable in their terms; notwithstanding which, Captain Cook consented to gratify them, as far as he was able. It was always a sacred rule with him never to take any of the property of the people whom he visited, without making them an ample compensation.

The grand operation of our navigators, in their present station, was to put the ships into a compleat repair for the prosecution of the expedition. While this business was carrying on, our Commander took the opportunity of examining every part of the Sound; in the course of which he gained a farther knowledge of the inhabitants,

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who, in general, received him with great civility. In one instance he met with a surly Chief, who could not be softened with presents, though he condescended to accept of them. The females of the place over which he presided, shewed a more agreeable disposition; for some of the young women expeditiously dressed themselves in their best apparel, and, assembling in a body, welcomed the English to their village, by joining in a song, which was far from being harsh or disagreeable. On another occasion, the Captain was entertained with singing. Being visited by a number of strangers, on the twenty-second of April, as they advanced towards the ships, they all stood up in their canoes, and began to sing. Some of their songs, in which the whole body joined, were in a slow, and others in a quicker time; and their notes were accompanied with the most regular motions of their hands; or with beating in concert, with their paddles, on the sides of the canoes; to which were added other very expressive gestures. At the end of each song, they continued silent for a few moments, and then began again, sometimes pronouncing the word *Hoee!* forcibly as a chorus.

Among the natives of the country, there was one Chief who attached himself to our Commander in a particular manner. Captain Cook having, at parting, bestowed upon him a small present, received, in return, a beaver-skin, of much greater value. This called upon the Captain to make some addition to his present, with which the

Chief was so much pleased, that he insisted on our Commander's acceptance of the beaver-skin cloak which he then wore; and of which he was particularly fond. Admiring this instance of generosity, and desirous that he should not suffer by his friendship, the Captain gave him a new broad-sword, with a brass hilt; the possession of which rendered him completely happy*.

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On Captain Cook's first arrival in this inlet, he had honoured it with the name of KING GEORGE'S SOUND; but he afterwards found that it is called NOOTKA by the natives†. During his stay in the place, he displayed his usual sagacity and diligence, in conjunction with Mr. Anderson, in collecting every thing that could be learned concerning the neighbouring country and its inhabitants; and the account is interesting as it exhibits a picture of productions, people, and manners very different from what had occurred in the Southern Ocean. I can only, as on former occasions, slightly advert to a few of the more leading circumstances. The climate, so far as our navigators had experience of it, was found to be in an eminent degree milder than that on the east coast of America, in the same parallel of latitude; and it was remarkable that the thermometer, even in the night, never fell lower than 42° ; while in the day it frequently rose to

* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 269—286.

† The entrance of the Sound is situated in the east corner of Hope Bay, in the latitude of $49^{\circ} 33'$ north, and in the longitude of $233^{\circ} 12'$ east.

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60°. With regard to trees, those of which the woods are chiefly composed, are the Canadian pine, the white cypress, and the wild pine, with two or three different sorts of pine that are less common. In the other vegetable productions there appeared but little variety: but it is to be considered that, at so early a season, several might not yet have sprung up; and that many more might be concealed from our voyagers, in consequence of the narrow sphere of their researches. Of the land-animals, the most common were bears, deer, foxes, and wolves. The sea-animals which were seen off the coast, were whales, porpoises, and seals. Birds, in general, are not only rare as to the different species, but very scarce as to numbers; and the few which are to be met with are so shy, that, in all probability, they are continually harrassed by the natives; either to eat them as food, or to get possession of their feathers, which are used as ornaments. Fish are more plentiful in quantity than birds, but were not found in any great variety; and yet, from several circumstances, there was reason to believe, that the variety is considerably increased at certain seasons. The only animals that were observed of the reptile kind were snakes and water-lizards; but the insect tribe seemed to be more numerous.

With respect to the inhabitants of the country, their persons are generally under the common stature; but not slender in proportion, being usually pretty full or plump, though without being muscular. From their bringing to sale hu-

man skulls and bones, it may justly be inferred that they treat their enemies with a degree of brutal cruelty; notwithstanding which, it does not follow that they are to be reproached with any charge of peculiar inhumanity: for the circumstance now mentioned only marks a general agreement of character with that of almost every tribe of uncivilized men, in every age, and in every part of the globe. Our navigators had no reason to complain of the disposition of the natives, who appeared to be a docile, courteous, good natured people; rather phlegmatic in the usual cast of their tempers, but quick in resenting what they apprehend to be an injury, and easily permitting their anger to subside. Their other passions, and especially their curiosity, seemed to lie in some measure dormant; one cause of which may be found in the indolence that, for the most part, is prevalent amongst them. The chief employments of the men are those of fishing, and of killing land or sea-animals, for the sustenance of their families; while the women are occupied in manufacturing their flaxen or woollen garments, or in other domestic offices. It must be mentioned to their honour, that they were always properly clothed, and behaved with the utmost decorum, justly deserving all commendation, for a bashfulness and modesty becoming their sex: and this was the more meritorious in them, as the male inhabitants discovered no sense of shame. In their manufactures and mechanic arts, these people have arrived to a greater degree

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 VII. design and the execution, than could have been
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 little progress to which they have arrived in general civilization. Their dexterity, in particular, with respect to works of wood, must principally be ascribed to the assistance they receive from iron tools, which are in universal use amongst them, and in the application of which they are very dexterous. Whence they have derived their knowledge of iron, was a matter of speculation with Captain Cook. The most probable opinion is, that this and other metals may have been introduced by way of Hudson's Bay and Canada, and thus successively have been conveyed across the continent, from tribe to tribe. Nor is it unreasonable to suppose that these metals may sometimes be brought, in the same manner, from the north-western parts of Mexico*. The language of Nootka is by no means harsh or disagreeable, for it abounds, upon the whole, rather with what may be called labial and dental, than with guttural sounds. A large vocabulary of it was collected by Mr. Anderson.

Whilst Captain Cook was at Nootka Sound, great attention was paid by him, as usual, to

* Two silver spoons, of a construction similar to what may sometimes be seen in Flemish pictures of still life, were procured here by Mr. Gore, who bought them from a native, who wore them, tied together with a leathern thong, as an ornament round his neck. Mr Gore gave the spoons to Sir Joseph Banks.

astronomical and nautical subjects. The observations which he had an opportunity of making were, indeed, so numerus, as to form a very considerable addition to geographical and philosophical science*.

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On the twenty-sixth, the repairs of the ships having been completed, every thing was ready for the Captain's departure. When, in the afternoon of that day, the vessels were upon the point of sailing, the mercury in the barometer fell unusually low; and there was every other presage of an approaching storm, which might reasonably be expected to come from the southward. This circumstance induced our Commander in some degree to hesitate, and especially as night was at hand, whether he should venture to sail, or wait till the next morning. But his anxious impatience to proceed upon the voyage, and the fear of losing the present opportunity of getting out of the Sound, made a greater impression upon his mind than any apprehension of immediate danger. He determined, therefore, to put to sea at all events; and accordingly carried his design into execution that evening. He was not deceived in his expectations of a storm. Scarcely were the vessels out of the Sound before the wind increased to a strong gale, with squalls and rain, accompanied by so dark a sky, that the length

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* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 288. 291. 293, 294. 296. 298. 300, 301. 309, 310. 318, 319. 325. 329, 330. 332. 334. 337—340.

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of the ships could not be seen. Happily the wind took a direction that blew our navigators from the coast; and though, on the twenty-seventh, the tempest rose to a perfect hurricane, and the *Resolution* sprang a leak, no material damage ensued.

In the prosecution of the voyage to the north, and back again to the Sandwich Islands, the facts that occurred were chiefly of a nautical kind. Minutely to record these, is not the purpose of the present work, and indeed, would extend it to an unreasonable length. Recourse must be had to the Voyage at large, for a detail of every circumstance in which Captain Cook, as a navigator, was concerned. In that Voyage will be found a full and exact account of the coasts which he passed, the capes and promontories to which he gave names, the bays which he entered, the islands he discovered, the traverses he made, the latitudes and longitudes that were settled by him, and the variations that happened in the wind and the weather. From this long and important navigation, I can only select some few incidents, that may be accommodated to the taste and expectations of the generality of readers.

One thing it is not improper here to observe; which is, that the Captain, in his passage along the coast of America, kept at a distance from that coast, whenever the wind blew strongly upon it, and sailed on till he could approach it again with safety. Hence several great gaps were left unexplored, and particularly between the latitudes of

50° and 55°. The exact situation, for instance, of the supposed Straights of Anian was not ascertained. Every one who is acquainted with the character of our Commander will be sensible, that if he had lived to return again to the north in 1779, he would have endeavoured to explore the parts which had been left unexamined.

The first place at which Captain Cook landed, after his departure from Nootka Sound, was at an island, of eleven or twelve leagues in length, the south-west point of which lies in the latitude of 59° 49' north, and the longitude of 216° 58' east. Here, on the eleventh of May, at the foot of a tree, on a little eminence not far from the shore, he left a bottle, with a paper in it, on which were inscribed the names of the ships, and the date of the discovery. Together with the bottle, he enclosed two silver two-penny pieces of his Majesty's coin, which had been struck in 1772. These, with many others, had been given him by the Reverend Dr. Kaye, the present Dean of Lincoln; and our Commander, as a mark of his esteem and regard for that learned and respectable gentleman, named the island, after him, KAYE'S ISLAND.

At an inlet, where the ships came to an anchor, on the twelfth, and to which Captain Cook gave the appellation of PRINCE WILLIAM'S SOUND, he had an opportunity not only of stopping the leak which the Resolution had sprung in the late storm, and of prosecuting his nautical and geographical discoveries, but of making considerable

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 1778. which was made concerning the persons of the
 natives of this part of the coast, it appeared that
 they had a striking resemblance to those of the
 Esquimaux and Greenlanders. Their canoes,
 their weapons, and their instruments for fishing
 and hunting, are likewise exactly the same, in
 point of materials and construction, that are used
 in Greenland. The animals in the neighbourhood
 of Prince William's Sound are, in general, simi-
 lar to those which are found at Nootka. One
 of the most beautiful skins here offered to sale,
 was, however, that of a small animal, which seem-
 ed to be peculiar to the place. Mr. Anderson
 was inclined to think that it is the animal which
 is described by Mr. Pennant, under the name
 of the *Casan* Marmot. Among the birds seen in
 this country, were the white-headed eagle; the
 shag; and the *Alcedo*, or great king-fisher, the
 colours of which were very fine and bright. The
 humming-bird, also, came frequently and flew
 about the ship, while at anchor; but it can scarce-
 ly be supposed that it can be able to subsist
 here during the severity of winter. Water-fowl,
 upon the whole, are in considerable plenty; and
 there is a species of diver, about the size of a par-
 tridge, which seems peculiar to the place. Torsk
 and halibut were almost the only kinds of fish
 that were obtained by our voyagers. Vegetables,
 of any sort, were few in number; and the trees
 were chiefly the Canadian and spruce pine, some
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of which were of a considerable height and thickness. The beads and iron that were found among the people of the coast, must undoubtedly have been derived from some civilized nation; and yet there was ample reason to believe, that our English navigators were the first Europeans with whom the natives had ever held a direct communication. From what quarter, then, had they gotten our manufactures? Most probably, through the intervention of the more inland tribes, from Hudson's Bay, or the settlements on the Canadian lakes. This, indeed, must certainly have been the case, if iron was known amongst the inhabitants of this part of the American coast, prior to the discovery of it by the Russians, and before there was any traffic with them carried on from Kamtschatka. From what was seen of Prince William's Sound, Captain Cook judged that it occupied, at least, a degree and a half of latitude, and two of longitude, exclusively of the arms or branches, the extent of which is not known *.

Some days after leaving this Sound, our navigators came to an inlet, from which great things were expected. Hopes were strongly entertained, that it would be found to communicate either with the sea to the north, or with Baffin's or Hudson's Bay to the east; and accordingly, it became the object of very accurate and serious examination. The Captain was soon persuaded

* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 286. 341. 349, 350. 354. 362. 366. 371. 376, 377, 278. 380.

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1778. search of a passage, more, indeed, to satisfy
other people, than to confirm his own opinion.
In consequence of a complete investigation of the
inlet, indubitable marks occurred of its being a
river. This river, without seeing the least ap-
pearance of its source, was traced by our voya-
gers, as high as the latitude of $61^{\circ} 30'$, and the
longitude of 210° , being seventy leagues from its
entrance. During the course of the navigation,
1 June. on the first of June, Lieutenant King was ordered
on shore, to display the royal flag, and to take
possession of the country in his Majesty's name.
The Lieutenant, at the same time, buried in the
ground a bottle, containing some pieces of Eng-
lish coin, of the year 1772, and a paper, on
which the names of the ships were inscribed, and
the date of the present discovery. The great
river now discovered, promises to vie with the
most considerable ones already known; and, by
itself and its branches, lies open to a very exten-
sive inland communication. If, therefore, the
knowledge of it should be of future service, the
time which was spent in exploring it ought the
less to be regretted. But to Captain Cook, who
had a much greater object in view, the delay
that was hence occasioned was a real loss, because
the season was advancing apace. It was, how-
ever, a satisfaction to him to reflect, that if he
had not examined this very considerable inlet, it
would have been assumed, by speculative fabri-

cators of geography, as a fact, that there was a passage through it to the North Sea, or to Baffin's or Hudson's Bay. Perhaps, too, it would have been marked, on future maps of the world, with greater precision, and more certain signs of reality, than the invisible, because imaginary, Straights of de Fuca, and de Fonte. In describing the inlet, our Commander had left a blank which was not filled up with any particular name; and, therefore, the Earl of Sandwich directed, with the greatest propriety, that it should be called **COOK'S RIVER.**

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All the natives who were met with, during the examination of this river, appeared, from every mark of resemblance, to be of the same nation with the inhabitants of Prince William's Sound; but from the people of Nootka, or King George's Sound, they essentially differed, both in their persons and their language. The only things which were seen among them, that were not of their own manufacture, were a few glass beads, the iron points of their spears, and knives of the same metal. Whencesoever these articles might be derived, it was evident that they had never had any immediate intercourse with the Russians; since, if that had been the case, our voyagers would scarcely have found them clothed in such valuable skins as those of the sea-otter. A very beneficial fur-trade might undoubtedly be carried on with the inhabitants of this vast coast. But, without a practicable northern passage, the situation is too remote to

CHAP. render it probable that Great Britain should
 VII. hence ever derive any material advantage; though
 1778. it is impossible to say, with certainty, how far
 the spirit of commerce, for which the English
 nation is so eminently distinguished, may ex-
 tend *. The most valuable, or rather the only valua-
 ble skins, which Captain Cook saw on the west
 side of America, were those of the sea-otter;
 for as to the skins of all the other animals of the
 country, and especially of the foxes and martins,
 they seemed to be of an inferior quality †.

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It was on the sixth of June that our navigators
 got clear of Cook's River. Proceeding in the
 course of their discoveries, when they were sail-
 ing, on the nineteenth, amidst the group of
 islands which were called by Heering Schumagin's
 Islands, Captain Clerke fired three guns, and
 brought to, expressing, by the proper signals,
 that he wished to speak with Captain Cook.
 At this our Commander was not a little alarm-
 ed; and, as no apparent danger had been re-
 marked in the passage through the channel where
 the vessels now were, it was apprehended that
 some accident, such as springing a leak, must
 have happened. On Captain Clerke's coming on

* Several ships have been fitted out from our settlements
 in India, as well as in England, on the speculation of this
 fur-trade. However, little benefit hath hitherto accrued
 from it, excepting to the proprietors of the first vessel;
 the cargo which it carried having lowered the price of
 furs extremely in the China market.

† Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 384: 386: 396 = 401.

board the Resolution, he related that several of the natives had followed his ship; that one of them had made many signs, taking off his cap, and bowing after the manner of Europeans; and that, at length, he had fastened to a rope, which was handed down to him, a small thin wooden case or box. Having delivered his parcel safe, and spoken something, accompanied with more signs, the canoes dropped astern, and left the Discovery. On opening the box, a piece of paper was found, folded up carefully, upon which something was written, that was reasonably supposed to be in the Russian language. To the paper was prefixed the date 1778, and in the body of the note there was a reference to the year 1776. Although no person on board was learned enough to decypher the alphabet of the writer, his numerals sufficiently marked that others had preceded our voyagers in visiting this dreary part of the globe; and the prospect of soon meeting with men who were united to them in ties somewhat closer than those of our common nature, and who were not strangers to the arts and commerce of civilized life, could not but afford a sensible satisfaction to people who, for such a length of time, had been conversant with the savages of the Pacific Ocean, and of the North American continent. Captain Clerke was, at first, of opinion that some Russians had been shipwrecked; but no such idea occurred to Captain Cook. He rather thought that the paper contained a note of information, left by some

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21 June. On the twenty-first, amongst some hills, on the main land, that towered above the clouds to a most amazing height, one was discovered to have a *volcano*, which continually threw up vast columns of black smoke. It doth not stand far from the coast; and it lies in the latitude of $54^{\circ} 48'$, and the longitude of $195^{\circ} 45'$. This mountain was rendered remarkable by its figure, which is a complete cone; and the volcano is at the very summit. While, in the afternoon of the same day, during a calm of three hours, the English were fishing with great success for halibuts, a small canoe, conducted by one man, came to them from an island in the neighbourhood. On approaching the ship, he took off his cap, and bowed, as the native had done, who had visited the *Discovery* a day or two before. From the acquired politeness of these people, as well as from the note already mentioned, it was evident that the Russians must have a communication and traffic with them; and of this a fresh proof occurred in the present visiter; for he wore a pair of green cloth breeches, and a jacket of black cloth, or stuff, under the gut-shirt or frock of his own country.

In the prosecution of the voyage, on the twenty-sixth, there was so thick a fog, that our navigators could not see a hundred yards before them; notwithstanding which, as the weather was moderate, the Captain did not intermit his course. At length, however, being alarmed at the sound of breakers on one side of the ship, he immediately brought her to, and came to an anchor; and the *Discovery*, by his order, did the same. A few hours after, the fog having in some degree cleared away, it appeared that both the vessels had escaped a very imminent danger. Providence, in the dark, had conducted them between rocks which our Commander would not have ventured to pass through in a clear day, and had conveyed them to an anchoring-place, as good as he could possibly have fixed upon, had the choice been entirely at his option.

On the twenty-seventh, our voyagers reached an island, that is known by the name of *Oonalashka* *, the inhabitants of which behaved with a degree of politeness uncommon to savage tribes. A young man, who had overset his canoe, being obliged by this accident to come on board the ship, went down into Captain Cook's cabin, upon the first invitation, without expressing the least reluctance or uneasiness. His own clothes

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* The harbour of *Samgauboda*, on the north side of *Oonalashka*, in which Captain Cook came to an anchor, is situated in the latitude of $53^{\circ} 55'$ north, and in the longitude of $193^{\circ} 30'$ east.

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 behaviour of this youth, and that of some of the
 rest of the natives, it was evident that these
 people were no strangers to Europeans, and to
 several of their customs. There was something,
 however, in the English ships that greatly excited
 their attention; for such as could not come off
 in canoes, assembled on the neighbouring hills
 to look at them. In one instance it was apparent
 that the inhabitants were so far from having
 made any progress in politeness, that they were
 still immersed in the most savage manners. For
 as our Commander was walking along the shore,
 29 June, on the twenty-ninth, he met with a group of
 them; of both sexes, who were seated on the
 grass, at a repast, consisting of raw fish, which
 they seemed to eat with as much relish as persons
 in civilized life would experience from a turbot,
 served up in the richest sauce. Soon after the
 vessels had come to an anchor at Oonalashka,
 a native of the island brought on board such
 another note as had been given to Captain Clerke.
 He presented it to Captain Cook; but, as it was
 written in the Russian language, and could be
 of no use to the English, though it might be
 of consequence to others, the Captain returned
 it to the bearer, and dismissed him with a few
 presents; for which he expressed his thanks by
 making several low bows as he retired*.

* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 403. 413 — 424.

On the second of July, our voyagers put to sea from Oonalashka; and, pursuing their course of navigation and discovery, came, on the sixteenth, within sight of a promontory, near which our Commander ordered lieutenant Williamson to land, that he might see what direction the coast took beyond it, and what the country produced. Accordingly, Mr. Williamson went on shore, and reported, on his return, that having landed on the point, and climbed the highest hill, he found that the farthest part of the coast in sight bore nearly north. At the same time, he took possession of the country in his Majesty's name, and left a bottle, in which was enclosed a piece of paper, containing an inscription of the names of the ships, together with the date of the discovery. To the promontory he gave the name of Cape NEWENHAM *. The land, as far as Mr. Williamson could see, produces neither tree nor shrub; but the lower grounds were not destitute of grass, and of some other plants, very few of which were in flower.

When our navigators, on the third of August, had advanced to the latitude of $62^{\circ} 34'$, a great loss was sustained by them in the death of Mr. Anderson, the surgeon of the Resolution, who had been lingering under a consumption for more than twelve months. He was a young man of a cultivated understanding and agreeable manners,

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* It is a rocky point, of tolerable height, situated in the latitude of $58^{\circ} 42'$, and in the longitude of $197^{\circ} 36'$.

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and was well skilled in his own profession; besides which, he had acquired a considerable degree of knowledge in other branches of science. How useful an assistant he was to Captain Cook, hath often appeared in the present narrative, and is fully displayed in the Voyage at large. Had his life been spared, the public would undoubtedly have received from him such communications, on various parts of the natural history of the several places that had been visited, as would justly have entitled him to very high commendation. The proofs of his abilities that now remain, will hand down the name of *Anderson*, in conjunction with that of *Cook*, to posterity *. Soon after he had breathed his last, land having been seen at a distance, which was supposed to be an island, our Commander honoured it with the appellation of *ANDERSON'S ISLAND*. The next day he removed Mr. Law, the surgeon of the *Discovery*, into the *Resolution*, and appointed Mr. Samwell, the surgeon's first mate of the *Resolution*, to be surgeon of the *Discovery*.

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On the ninth, Captain Cook came to an anchor under a point of land, to which he gave

* Mr. Anderson left his papers to Sir Joseph Banks; but the Admiralty took possession of the larger part of them, and there they are still retained. Such parts as related solely to natural history were delivered by Captain King to Sir Joseph; who wishes to add his testimony to the excellence of Mr Anderson's character, to the utility of his observations, and to the great probability that, if he had survived, he would have given to the world something which would have done him credit.

the name of CAPE PRINCE OF WALES, and which is remarkable by being the most western extremity of America hitherto explored *. This extremity is distant from the eastern Cape of Siberia only thirteen leagues: and thus our Commander had the glory of ascertaining the vicinity of the two continents, which had only been conjectured from the reports of the neighbouring Asiatic inhabitants, and the imperfect observations of the Russian navigators †.

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Resuming his course on the tenth, Captain Cook anchored in a bay, the land of which was at first supposed to be a part of the island of Alaschka, which is laid down in Mr. Stæhlin's map. But, from the figure of the coast; from the situation of the opposite shore of America; and from the longitude, the Captain soon began to think that it was more probably the country of the Tschutski, on the eastern extremity of Asia, which had been explored by Beering in 1728. In the result it appeared that this was in fact the case. Our Commander became fully satisfied, in the farther progress of his voyage, that Mr. Stæhlin's map must be erroneous; and he had the honour of restoring the American continent to that space which the geographer now mentioned had occupied with his imaginary island of Alaschka.

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* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 426. 433. 440, 441. 444. Cape Prince of Wales, is situated in the latitude of $65^{\circ} 46'$, and in the longitude of $191^{\circ} 45'$.

† Cox's Comparative View of the Russian Discoveries, with those made by Captains Cook and Clerke, p. 15, 16.

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From the Bay of St. Lawrence, belonging to the country of the Tschutski, our navigators steered, on the eleventh, to the east, in order to get nearer to the coast of America. After that, proceeding to the north, they reached, on the seventeenth, the latitude of $70^{\circ} 33'$ *. On this day, a brightness was perceived in the northern horizon, like that which is reflected from ice, and is commonly called the *blink*. This was at first but little noticed, from a supposition that there was no probability of meeting with ice so soon: and yet, the sharpness of the air, and the gloominess of the weather, had, for two or three days past, seemed to indicate a sudden change. In about an hour's time, the sight of a large field of ice left Captain Cook no longer in doubt with regard to the cause of the brightness of the horizon. The ships, in the same afternoon, being then in the latitude of $70^{\circ} 41'$, were close to the edge of the ice, and not able to stand on any farther. On the eighteenth, when the vessels were in the latitude of $70^{\circ} 44'$, the ice on the side of them was as compact as a wall, and was judged to be at least ten or twelve feet in height. Farther to the north, it appeared to be much higher. Its surface was extremely rugged, and in different places there were seen upon it pools of water. A prodigious number of sea-horses lay upon the ice; and some of them, on the nineteenth, were procured for food, there being

* The longitude was $197^{\circ} 41'$.

at this time a want of fresh provisions. When the animals were brought to the vessels, it was no small disappointment to many of the seamen, who had feasted their eyes for several days with the prospect of eating them, to find that they were not sea-cows, as they had supposed, but sea-horses. This disappointment would not have been occasioned, or the difference known, had there not happened to be one or two sailors on board who had been in Greenland, and who declared what these animals were, and that it never was customary to eat of them. Such, however, was the anxiety for a change of diet, as to overcome this prejudice. Our voyagers lived upon the sea-horses as long as they lasted; and there were few who did not prefer them to the salt meat.

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Captain Cook continued, to the twenty-ninth, to traverse the Icy Sea beyond Beering's Strait, in various directions, and through numberless obstructions and difficulties. Every day the ice increased, so as to preclude all hopes of attaining, at least during the present year, the grand object of the voyage. Indeed, the season was now so far advanced, and the time in which the frost was expected to set in was so near at hand, that it would have been totally inconsistent with prudence, to have made any farther attempts, till the next summer, at finding a passage into the Atlantic. The attention, therefore, of our Commander was now directed to other important and necessary concerns. It was of great conse-

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Before Captain Cook proceeded far to the south, he employed a considerable time in examining the sea and coasts in the neighbourhood of Beering's Straight, both on the side of Asia and America. In this examination, he ascertained the accuracy of Beering, so far as he went; demonstrated the errors with which Stæhlin's map of the New Northern Archipelago abounds; and made large additions to the geographical knowledge of this part of the world. "It reflects," as Mr. Coxe justly observes, "the highest honour even on the British name, that our great navigator extended his discoveries much farther in one expedition, and at so great a distance from the point of his departure, than the Russians accomplished in a long series of years, and in parts belonging or contiguous to their own empire †."

* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 452. 454, 455, 456, 457. 466.

† Coxe's Comparative View of the Russian Discoveries, p. 16.

On the second of October, our voyagers came within sight of the island of Oonalashka, and anchored the next day in Samganoodeha harbour. Here the first concern was to put the ships under the necessary repair; and, while the carpenters were employed in this business, one third of the people had permission, by turns, to go and collect the berries with which the island abounds, and which, though now beginning to be in a state of decay, did not a little contribute, in conjunction with spruce-beer, effectually to eradicate every seed of the scurvy that might exist in either of the vessels. Such a supply of fish was likewise procured, as not only served for present consumption, but afforded a quantity to be carried out to sea; so that hence a considerable saving was made of the provisions of the ships, which was at this time an object of no small importance.

Captain Cook, on the eighth, received, by the hands of an Oonalashka man, named Deramoushk, a very singular present, which was that of a rye loaf, or rather a pye in the form of a loaf, for it enclosed some salmon, highly seasoned with pepper. This man had the like present for Captain Clerke, and a note for each of the two Captains, written in a character which none on board could understand. It was natural to suppose, that the presents came from some Russians in the neighbourhood; and therefore a few bottles of rum, wine, and porter, were sent to these unknown friends in return;

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 it was in the power of our navigators to bestow.
 Corporal Lediard of the marines *, an intelligent

* This Corporal Lediard is an extraordinary man, something of whose history cannot fail of being entertaining to my readers. In the winter of 1786, he set out on the singular undertaking of walking accross the continent of America; for the accomplishment of which purpose, he determined to travel by the way of Siberia, and to procure a passage from that country to the opposite American coast. Being an American by birth, and having no means of raising the money necessary for his expences, a subscription was raised for him by Sir Joseph Banks, and some other gentlemen, amounting, in the whole, to a little more than fifty pounds. With this sum he proceeded to Hamburg, from which place he went to Copenhagen, and thence to Petersburg, where he arrived in the beginning of March 1787. In his journey from Copenhagen to Petersburg, finding that the gulph of Bothnia was not frozen over, he was obliged to walk round the whole of it by Tornæo. At Petersburg he stayed till the twenty-first, of May, when he obtained leave to accompany a convoy of military stores, which at that time was proceeding to Mr. Billings, who had been his ship-mate in Captain Cook's voyage, and who was then employed by the Empress of Russia, for the purpose of making discoveries in Siberia, and on the north-west coast of America. With this convoy Mr. Lediard set out, and in August reached the city of Irkutsk in Siberia. After that he proceeded to the town of Yakutsk, where he met with Captain Billings. From this place he went back to Irkutsk, to spend a part of the winter; proposing, in the spring, to return to Yakutsk, in order to proceed in summer to Otkotsk.

Hitherto Mr. Lediard had gone on prosperously, and flattered himself with the hopes of succeeding in his under-
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man, was, at the same time, directed to accompany Derramoushk, for the purpose of gaining farther information; and with orders, if he met with any Russians, that he should endeavour to make them understand that our voyagers were Englishmen, and the friends and allies of their nation. On the tenth, the Corporal returned with three Russian seamen, or furriers, who, with several others, resided at Egoochshac,

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taking. But, in January last (1788) in consequence of an express from the Empress, he was arrested, and, in half an hour's time, carried away, under the guard of two soldiers and an officer, in a post-sledge, for Moscow, without his cloaths, money, and papers. From Moscow he was conveyed to the city of Moialoff in White Russia, and thence to the town of Tolochin in Poland. There he was informed, that her Majesty's orders were, that he was never to enter her dominions again without her express permission. During all this time, he suffered the greatest hardships, from sickness, fatigue, and want of rest; so that he was almost reduced to a skeleton. From Tolochin he made his way to Konigsberg, having had, as he says, a miserable journey, in a miserable country, in a miserable season, in miserable health, and a miserable purse; and disappointed of his darling enterprize. Mr. Lediard informs Sir Joseph Banks, to whom he sent, from time to time, a full account of his transactions, that, though he had been retarded in his pursuits by malice, he had not travelled totally in vain; his observations in Asia being, perhaps, as complete as a longer visit would have rendered them. From his last letter it appears, that he proposed to return, as speedily as possible, from Konigsberg to England.

For the preceding intelligence I am wholly indebted to the obliging information of Sir Joseph Banks.

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Oonalashka, agreed in assuring him, over and over again, that they knew of no other islands, besides those which were laid down upon this chart; and that no Russian had ever seen any part of the continent of America to the northward, excepting that which lies opposite to the country of the Tschutskis.

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When, on the twenty-first, Mr. Ismyloff took his final leave of the English navigators, our Commander entrusted to his care a letter to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in which was enclosed a chart of all the northern coasts the Captain had visited. It was expected that there would be an opportunity of sending this letter, in the ensuing spring, to Kamschatka or Okotsk, and that it would reach Petersburg during the following winter. Mr. Ismyloff, who faithfully and successfully discharged the trust our Commander had reposed in him, seemed to possess abilities that might entitle him to a higher station in life than that which he occupied. He had a considerable knowledge of astronomy, and was acquainted with the most useful branches of the mathematics. Captain Cook made him a present of an Hadley's octant; and, though it was probably the first he had ever seen, he understood, in a very short time, the various uses to which that instrument can be applied.

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While the ships lay at Oonalashka, our voyagers did not neglect to make a diligent enquiry into the productions of the island, and the general manners of the inhabitants. On these, as being in a

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 VII. been noticed, it is not necessary to enlarge. There
 1778. is one circumstance, however, so honourable to
 the natives, that it must not be omitted. They
 are, to all appearance, the most peaceable and
 inoffensive people our Commander had ever met
 with; and, with respect to honesty, they might
 serve as a pattern to countries that are in the
 highest state of civilization. A doubt is suggested,
 whether this disposition may not have been the
 consequence of their present subjection to the Rus-
 sians. From the affinity which was found to subsist
 between the dialects of the Greenlanders and Esqui-
 maux, and those of the inhabitants of Norton's
 Sound * and Oonalashka, there is strong reason
 to believe, that all these nations are of the same
 extraction; and, if that be the case, the existence
 of a northern communication of some kind, by sea,
 between the west side of America and the east
 side, through Baffin's Bay, can scarcely be doubt-
 ed; which communication, nevertheless, may
 effectually be shut up against ships, by ice and
 other impediments.

While the vessels lay in Samganoodeha harbour,
 Captain Cook exerted his usual diligence in mak-
 ing nautical and astronomical observations. All
 26 Oct. things, on the twenty-sixth, having been gotten
 ready for his departure, he put to sea on that day,

* Norton's Sound is a large inlet that extends to the
 northward as far as the latitude of $64^{\circ} 55'$, upon the
 coast of which Lieutenant King had landed, by Captain
 Cook's order.

and sailed for the Sandwich Islands; it being his intention to spend a few months there, and then to direct his course to Kamtschatka, so as to endeavour to reach that country by the middle of May, in the ensuing summer *.

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On the twenty-sixth of November, when the ships had proceeded southward till they came to the latitude of $20^{\circ} 55'$, land was discovered, which proved to be an island of the name of *Mowee*, that had not hitherto been visited. It is one of the group of the Sandwich Islands. As it was of the last importance to procure a supply of provisions at these islands, and experience had taught our Commander, that he could have no chance of succeeding in this object, if it were left to every man's discretion to traffic for what he pleased, and in what manner he pleased; the Captain published an order, prohibiting all persons from trading, excepting such as should be appointed by himself and Captain Clerke. Even these persons were enjoined to trade only for provisions and refreshments. While our navigators lay off Mowe, which was for some days, a friendly intercourse was maintained with the inhabitants.

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Another island was discovered on the thirtieth, which is called by the natives *Owhyhee*. As it appeared to be of greater extent and importance than any of the islands which had yet been visited in this part of the world, Captain Cook

* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 486. 493 — 498, 501, 502. 506, 507. 509. 522 — 524. 525. 526.

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Among the articles procured from the natives, was a quantity of sugar-cane. Upon a trial, Captain Cook found that a strong decoction of it produced a very palatable beer; on which account, he ordered some more to be brewed, for general use. When, however, the barrel was broached, not one of the crew would taste of the liquor. As the Captain had no motive in preparing this beverage, but that of sparing the rum and other spirits for a colder climate, he did not exert either authority or persuasion to prevail upon the men to change their resolution; for he knew that there was no danger of the scurvy, so long as a plentiful supply could be obtained of different vegetables. Nevertheless, that he might not be disappointed in his views, he gave orders that no grog should be served in the ships; and he himself, together with the officers, continued to make use of the sugar-cane beer, which was much improved by

the addition of a few hops, that chanced to be still on board. There could be no reasonable doubt of its being a very wholesome liquor; and yet the inconsiderate crew alleged that it would be injurious to their health. No people are more averse to every kind of innovation than seamen, and their prejudices are extremely difficult to be conquered. It was, however, by acting contrary to these prejudices, and by various deviations from established practice, that Captain Cook had been enabled to preserve his men from that dreadful distemper, the scurvy, which, perhaps, has destroyed more of our sailors, in their peaceful voyages, than have fallen by the enemy in military expeditions.

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As the Captain was pursuing his examination of the coast of Owhyhee, it having fallen calm at one o'clock in the morning of the nineteenth of December, the Resolution was left to the mercy of a north-easterly swell, which impelled her fast towards the land; so that, long before day-break, lights were seen from the land, which was not more than a league distant. The night, at the same time, was dark, with thunder, lightning, and rain. As soon as it was light, a dreadful surf, within half a league of the vessel, appeared breaking from the shore; and it was evident that our navigators had been in the most perilous situation; nor was the danger yet over; for, in consequence of the veering of the wind, they were but just able to keep their distance from the coast. What rendered their situation

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more alarming was, that a rope of the main-top-sail having given way, this occasioned the sail to be rent in two. In the same manner, the two top-gallant sails gave way, though they were not half worn out. However, a favourable opportunity was seized of getting others to the yards; and the Resolution again proceeded in safety.

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16 Jan.

On the sixteenth of January 1779, canoes arrived in such numbers from all parts, that there were not fewer than a thousand about the two ships, most of them crowded with people, and well laden with hogs, and other productions of the island. It was a satisfactory proof of their friendly intentions, that there was not a single person amongst them who had with him a weapon of any kind; trade and curiosity alone appearing to be the motives which actuated their conduct. Among such multitudes, however, as, at times, were on board, it will not be deemed surprizing, that some should betray a thievish disposition. One of them took out of the Resolution a boat's rudder; and made off with it so speedily, that it could not be recovered. Captain Cook judged this to be a favourable opportunity of shewing to these people the use of fire-arms; and accordingly he ordered two or three musquets, and as many four-pounders, to be fired over the canoe which carried off the rudder. It not being intended that any of the shot should take effect, the surrounding multitude of the natives seemed to be more surprized than terrified.

Mr. Bligh having been sent to examine a neighbouring bay, reported, on his return, that it had good anchorage and fresh water, and that it was in an accessible situation. Into this bay, therefore, the Captain resolved to carry the ships, in order to refit, and to obtain every refreshment which the place could afford. As night approached, the greater part of the Indians retired on shore; but numbers of them requested permission to sleep on board; in which request, curiosity (at least with regard to several of them) was not their sole motive; for it was found, the next morning, that various things were missing; on which account our Commander determined not to entertain so many persons another night.

On the seventeenth, the ships came to an anchor in the bay which had been examined by Mr. Bligh, and which is called *Karakakooa* by the inhabitants. At this time, the vessels continued to be much crowded with natives, and were surrounded with a multitude of canoes. Captain Cook, in the whole course of his voyages, had never seen so numerous a body of people assembled in one place. For, besides those who had come off to the English in their canoes, all the shore of the bay was covered with spectators, and many hundreds were swimming round the ships like shoals of fish. Our navigators could not avoid being greatly impressed with the singularity of this scene; and perhaps there were few on board that now lamented the want of success which had attended the endeavours of getting homeward,

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the last summer, by a northern passage. "To
" this disappointment," says the Captain, "we
" owed our having it in our power to revisit the
" *Sandwich Island*, and to enrich our voyage with
" a discovery which, though the last, seemed,
" in many respects, to be the most important
" that had hitherto been made by Europeans,
" throughout the extent of the Pacific Ocean*."

Such is the sentence that concludes our Commander's journal: and the satisfaction with which this sentence appears to have been written, cannot fail of striking the mind of every reader. Little did Captain Cook then imagine, that a discovery which promised to add no small honour to his name, and to be productive of very agreeable consequences, should be so fatal in the result. Little did he think, that the island of Owhyhee was destined to be the last scene of his exploits, and the cause of his destruction.

The reception which the Captain met with from the natives, on his proceeding to anchor in Karakakooa Bay, was flattering in the highest degree. They came off from the shore in astonishing numbers, and expressed their joy by singing and shouting, and by exhibiting a variety of wild and extravagant gestures. Pareea, a young man of great authority, and Kaneena, another Chief, had already attached themselves to our Commander, and were very useful in keeping their countrymen from being troublesome.

* Cook's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 532. 535, 536, 537, 538. 540 — 548, 549.

During the long cruize of our navigators off the island of Owhyhee, the inhabitants had almost universally behaved with great fairness and honesty in their dealings, and had not shewn the slightest propensity to theft: and this was a fact the more extraordinary, as those with whom our people had hitherto maintained any intercourse, were of the lowest rank, being either servants or fishermen. But, after the arrival of the Resolution and Discovery in Karakakooa Bay, the case was greatly altered. The immense crowd of islanders that blocked up every part of the ships, not only afforded frequent opportunities of pilfering without risk of detection; but held out, even if they should be detected, a prospect of escaping with impunity, from the superiority of their numbers to that of the English. Another circumstance, to which the alteration in the conduct of the natives might be ascribed, arose from the presence and encouragement of their Chiefs, into whose possession the booty might be traced, and whom there was reason to suspect of being the instigators of the depredations that were committed.

Soon after the Resolution had gotten into her station, Pareea and Kaneena brought on board a third Chief, named Koah, who was represented as being a priest, and as having, in his early youth, been a distinguished warrior. In the evening, Captain Cook, attended by Mr. Bayley and Mr. King, accompanied Koah on shore. Upon this occasion, the Captain was received with very peculiar and extraordinary ceremonies; with

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ceremonies that indicated the highest respect on the part of the natives, and which, indeed, seemed to fall little short of adoration.

One of the principal objects that engaged our Commander's attention at Owhyhee, was the salting of hogs for sea-store; in which his success was far more compleat than had been attained in any former attempt of the same kind. It doth not appear that experiments relative to this subject had been made by the navigators of any nation before Captain Cook. His first trials were in 1774, during his second voyage round the world; when his success, though very imperfect, was, nevertheless, sufficient to encourage his farther efforts, in a matter of so much importance. As the present voyage was likely to be protracted a year beyond the time for which the ships were victualled, he was under a necessity of providing, by some such method, for the subsistence of the crews, or of relinquishing the prosecution of his discoveries. Accordingly, he lost no opportunity of renewing his attempts; and the event answered his most sanguine expectations. Captain King brought home with him some of the pork which was pickled at Owhyhee in January 1779; and, upon its being tasted by several persons in England about Christmas 1780, it was found to be perfectly sound and wholesome*. It seemed to be destined, that in every instance Captain Cook

* An account of the process may be seen in Captain King's Voyage, p. 12.

should excel all who had gone before him, in promoting the purposes of navigation. C H A P.
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On the twenty-sixth, the Captain had his first interview with Terreeoboo, the king of the island. The meeting was conducted with a variety of ceremonies, among which, the custom of making an exchange of names, which, amongst all the islanders of the Pacific Ocean is the strongest pledge of friendship, was observed. When the formalities of the interview were over, our Commander carried Terreeoboo, and as many Chiefs as the pinnace could hold, on board the Resolution. They were received, on this occasion, with every mark of respect that could be shewn them; and, in return for a beautiful and splendid feathered cloak which the king had bestowed on Captain Cook, the Captain put a linen shirt on his majesty, and girt his own hanger round him.

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In the progress of the intercourse which was maintained between our voyagers and the natives, the quiet and inoffensive behaviour of the latter took away every apprehension of danger; so that the English trusted themselves among them at all times, and in all situations. The instances of kindness and civility which our people experienced from them were so numerous, that they could not easily be recounted. A society of priests, in particular, displayed a generosity and munificence, of which no equal example had hitherto been given: for they furnished a constant supply of hogs and vegetables to our navigators, without ever demanding a return, or even hinting at it in the

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most distant manner. All this was said to be done at the expence of a great man among them, who was at the head of their body, whose name was Kaoo, and who on other occasions manifested his attachment to the English. There was not always so much reason to be satisfied with the conduct of the warrior Chiefs, or *Barres*, as with that of the priests. Indeed, the satisfaction that was derived from the usual gentleness and hospitality of the inhabitants, was frequently interrupted by the propensity of many of them to stealing; and this circumstance was the more distressing, as it sometimes obliged our Commander and the other officers to have recourse to acts of severity, which they would willingly have avoided, if the necessity of the case had not absolutely called for them.

Though the kind and liberal behaviour of the natives continued without remission, Terreeoboo, and his Chiefs, began, at length, to be very inquisitive about the time in which our voyagers were to take their departure. Nor will this be deemed surprizing, when it is considered that, during sixteen days in which the English had been in the bay of Karakakooa, they had made an enormous consumption of hogs and vegetables. It did not appear, however, that Terreeoboo had any other view in his enquiries, than a desire of making sufficient preparation for dismissing our navigators with presents, suitable to the respect and kindness towards them which he had always displayed. For, on his being informed that they were to leave the island in a day or two, it was observed

that a kind of proclamation was immediately made, through the villages, requiring the people to bring in their hogs and vegetables, for the king to present to the *Orono* *, on his quitting the country. Accordingly, on the third of February, being the day preceding the time which had been fixed for the sailing of the ships, Terreeoboo invited Captain Cook and Mr. King to attend him to the place where Kaoo resided. On their arrival, they found the ground covered with parcels of cloth, at a small distance from which lay an immense quantity of vegetables; and near them was a large herd of hogs. At the close of the visit, the greater part of the cloth, and the whole of the hogs and vegetables, were given by Terreeoboo to the Captain and Mr. King; who were astonished at the value and magnificence of the present, for it far exceeded every thing of the kind which they had seen either at the Friendly or Society Islands †. Mr. King had in so high a degree conciliated the affections, and gained the esteem, of the inhabitants of Owhyhee, that, with offers of the most flattering nature, he was strongly solicited to remain in the country. Terreeoboo and Kaoo waited upon Captain Cook, whose son they supposed Mr. King to be, with a formal request that

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* *Orono* was a title of high honour, which had been bestowed on Captain Cook.

† When the Resolution had sailed from Karakakooa Bay, Terreeoboo gave a fresh proof of his friendship for Captain Cook, by sending after him a large present of hogs and vegetables.

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he might be left behind. To avoid giving a positive refusal to an offer which was so kindly intended, the Captain told them, that he could not part with Mr. King at that time, but that, on his return to the island in the next year, he would endeavour to settle the matter to their satisfaction.

Early, on the fourth, the ships³ sailed out of Karakakooa Bay, being followed by a large number of canoes. It was our Commander's design, before he visited the other islands, to finish the survey of Owhyhee, in hopes of meeting with a road better sheltered than the bay he had just left. In case of not succeeding in this respect, he purposed to take a view of the south-east part of Mowee, where he was informed that he should find an excellent harbour *.

The circumstances which brought Captain Cook back to Karakakooa Bay, and the unhappy consequences that followed, I shall give from Mr. Samwell's narrative of his death. This narrative was, in the most obliging manner, communicated to me in manuscript, by Mr. Samwell, with entire liberty to make such use of it as I should judge proper. Upon a perusal of it, its importance struck me in so strong a light, that I wished to have it separately laid before the world. Accordingly, with Mr. Samwell's concurrence, I procured its publication, that, if any objections should be made to it, I might be able to notice

* Voyage to the Pacific Ocean, vol. iii. written by Mr. King, p. 1—31.

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them in my own work. As the narrative hath continued for more than two years unimpeached and uncontradicted, I esteem myself fully authorized to insert it in this place, as containing the most complete and authentic account of the melancholy catastrophe, which, at Owhyhee, befel our illustrious navigator and Commander.

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“ On the sixth, we were overtaken by a gale
“ of wind; and the next night, the Resolution
“ had the misfortune of springing the head of her
“ foremast, in such a dangerous manner, that
“ Captain Cook was obliged to return to Kera-
“ gegooah *, in order to have it repaired; for
“ we could find no other convenient harbour on
“ the island. The same gale had occasioned much
“ distress among some canoes, that had paid us
“ a visit from the shore. One of them, with two
“ men and a child on board, was picked up by
“ the Resolution, and rescued from destruction:
“ the men, having toiled hard all night, in attempt-
“ ing to reach the land, were so much exhausted,
“ that they could hardly mount the ship’s side.
“ When they got upon the quarter-deck, they
“ burst into tears, and seemed much affected with

* It is proper to take notice, that Mr Samwell spells the names of several persons and places differently from what is done in the history of the voyage. For instance,

Karakakooa	he calls	Ke, rag, e, goo, ah;
Terreeoboo	—	Kariopoo,
Kowrowa	—	Kavaroah,
Kaneecabareeah	—	Kaneekapo, herei,
Maiha maiha	—	Ka, mea, mea.

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“ the dangerous situation from which they had
“ escaped; but the little child appeared lively and
“ cheerful. One of the Resolution's boats was
“ also so fortunate as to save a man and two
“ women, whose canoe had been upset by the
“ violence of the waves. They were brought on
“ board, and, with the others, partook of the
“ kindness and humanity of Captain Cook.

“ On the morning of Wednesday, the tenth,
“ we were within a few miles of the harbour;
“ and were soon joined by several canoes, in which
“ appeared many of our old acquaintance, who
“ seemed to have come to welcome us back.
“ Among them was Cooaha, a priest: he had
“ brought a small pig, and some cocoa-nuts in
“ his hand, which, after having chaunted a few
“ sentences, he presented to Captain Clerke
“ He then left us, and hastened on board the
“ Resolution, to perform the same friendly cere-
“ mony before Captain Cook. Having but light
“ winds all that day, we could not gain the har-
“ bour. In the afternoon, a Chief of the first
“ rank, and nearly related to Kariopoo, paid
“ us a visit on board the Discovery. His name
“ was Kameamea: he was dressed in a very
“ rich feathered cloak, which he seemed to have
“ brought for sale, but would part with it for
“ nothing except iron daggers. These, the Chiefs,
“ some time before our departure, had preferred
“ to every other article; for, having received a
“ plentiful supply of hatchets and other tools,
“ they began to collect a store of warlike instru-

ments, Kameamea procured nine daggers for
 " his cloak; and, being pleased with his recep-
 " tion, he and his attendants slept on board that
 " night.

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" In the morning of the eleventh of February,
 " the ships anchored again in Keragegooah bay,
 " and preparation was immediately made for
 " landing the Resolution's foremast. We were visit-
 " ed but by few of the Indians, because there were
 " but few in the bay. On our departure, those
 " belonging to other parts, had repaired to their
 " several habitations, and were again to collect
 " from various quarters, before we could expect
 " to be surrounded by such multitudes as we had
 " once seen in that harbour. In the afternoon, I
 " walked about a mile into the country, to visit
 " an Indian friend, who had, a few days before,
 " come near twenty miles, in a small canoe, to
 " see me, while the ship lay becalmed. As the
 " canoe had not left us long before a gale of
 " wind came on, I was alarmed for the conse-
 " quence: however, I had the pleasure to find
 " that my friend had escaped unhurt, though
 " not without some difficulties. I take notice
 " of this short excursion, merely because it af-
 " forded me an opportunity of observing, that
 " there appeared no change in the disposition or
 " behaviour of the inhabitants. I saw nothing
 " that could induce me to think, that they were
 " displeased with our return, or jealous of the
 " intention of our second visit. On the contrary,
 " that abundant good-nature which had always

CHAP. " characterised them , seemed still to glow in
 VII. " every bosom , and to animate every counten-
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12 Feb. " The next day , February the twelfth , the
 " ships were put under a taboo , by the Chiefs ;
 " a solemnity , it seems , that was requisite to be
 " observed before Kariopoo , the king , paid his
 " first visit to Captain Cook , after his return.
 " He waited upon him the same day , on board
 " the Resolution , attended by a large train ,
 " some of which bore the presents designed for
 " Captain Cook ; who received him in his usual
 " friendly manner , and gave him several articles
 " in return. This amicable ceremony being
 " settled , the taboo was dissolved ; matters went
 " on in the usual train ; and the next day ,
 13. " February the thirteenth , we were visited by
 " the natives in great numbers : the Resolution's
 " mast was landed , and the astronomical obser-
 " vatories erected on their former situation. I
 " landed , with another gentleman , at the town
 " of Kavaroah , where we found a great number

* Mr. King relates , that our voyagers , upon coming to anchor , were surprized to find their reception very different from what it had been on their first arrival. He acknowledges , however , that the unsuspicious conduct of Terreeoboo , who , the next morning , came immediately to visit Captain Cook , and the consequent return of the natives to their former friendly intercourse with the English , are strong proofs that they neither meant nor apprehended any change of conduct. " Things , " says Mr. King , " went on in their usual quiet course , till the afternoon of the thirteenth." Voyage , ubi supra , p. 36, 37, 38.

“ of canoes, just arrived from different parts of
 “ the Island, and the Indians busy in construct-
 “ ing temporary huts on the beach, for their
 “ residence during the stay of the ships. On our
 “ return on board the Discovery, we learned,
 “ that an Indian had been detected in stealing
 “ the armourer’s tongs from the forge, for
 “ which he received a pretty severe flogging,
 “ and was sent out of the ship. Notwithstanding
 “ the example made of this man, in the afternoon
 “ another had the audacity to snatch the tongs
 “ and a chissel from the same place, with which
 “ he jumped overboard, and swam for the shore.
 “ The master and a midshipman were instantly
 “ dispatched after him, in the small cutter. The
 “ Indian seeing himself pursued, made for a
 “ canoe; his countrymen took him on board,
 “ and paddled as swift as they could towards the
 “ shore; we fired several muskets at them, but
 “ to no effect, for they soon got out of the reach
 “ of our shot. Pareah, one of the Chiefs, who
 “ was at that time on board the Discovery,
 “ understanding what had happened, immediate-
 “ ly went ashore, promising to bring back the
 “ stolen goods. Our boat was so far distanced,
 “ in chasing the canoe which had taken the thief
 “ on board, that he had time to make his escape
 “ into the country. Captain Cook, who was
 “ then ashore, endeavoured to intercept his
 “ landing; but, it seems, that he was led out of
 “ the way by some of the natives, who had
 “ officiously intruded themselves as guides. As

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“ the master was approaching near the landing-
“ place, he was met by some of the Indians in a
“ canoe: they had brought back the tongs and
“ chissel, together with another article, that we
“ had not missed, which happened to be the lid
“ of the water-cask. Having recovered these
“ things, he was returning on board, when he
“ was met by the Resolution's pinnace, with
“ five men in her, who, without any orders,
“ had come from the observatories to his assistance.
“ Being thus unexpectedly reinforced, he thought
“ himself strong enough to insist upon having
“ the thief, or the canoe which took him in,
“ delivered up as reprizals. With that view he
“ turned back; and having found the canoe on
“ the beach, he was preparing to launch it into
“ the water, when Pareah made his appearance,
“ and insisted upon his not taking it away, as it
“ was his property. The officer not regarding
“ him, the Chief seized upon him, pinioned his
“ arms behind, and held him by the hair of
“ his head; on which, one of the sailors struck
“ him with an oar: Pareah instantly quitted the
“ officer, snatched the oar out of the man's
“ hand, and snapped it in two across his knee.
“ At length the multitude began to attack our
“ people with stones. They made some resist-
“ ance, but were soon overpowered, and obliged
“ to swim for safety to the small cutter, which
“ lay farther out than the pinnace. The officers,
“ not being expert swimmers, retreated to a
“ small rock in the water, where they were

“ closely pursued by the Indians. One man
 “ darted a broken oar at the master; but his
 “ foot slipping at the time, he missed him, which
 “ fortunately saved that officer’s life. At last,
 “ Pareah interfered, and put an end to their
 “ violence. The gentlemen, knowing that his
 “ presence was their only defence against the
 “ fury of the natives, entreated him to stay with
 “ them, till they could get off in the boats; but
 “ that he refused, and left them. The master
 “ went to seek assistance from the party at the
 “ observatories; but the midshipman chose to
 “ remain in the pinnace. He was very rudely
 “ treated by the mob, who plundered the boat
 “ of every thing that was loose on board, and
 “ then began to knock her to pieces, for the
 “ sake of the ironwork; but Pareah fortunately
 “ returned in time to prevent her destruction.
 “ He had met the other gentleman on his way
 “ to the observatories, and, suspecting his errand,
 “ had forced him to return. He dispersed the
 “ crowd again, and desired the gentlemen to
 “ return on board: they represented, that all the
 “ oars had been taken out of the boat; on which
 “ he brought some of them back, and the gen-
 “ tlemen were glad to get off, without farther
 “ molestation. They had not proceeded far,
 “ before they were overtaken by Pareah, in a
 “ canoe: he delivered the midshipman’s cap,
 “ which had been taken from him in the scuffle,
 “ joined noses with them, in token of recon-

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“ ciliation, and was anxious to know, if Captain
 “ Cook would kill him for what had happened.
 “ They assured him of the contrary, and made
 “ signs of friendship to him in return. He then
 “ left them, and paddled over to the town of
 “ Kavaroah, and that was the last time we ever
 “ saw him. Captain Cook returned on board
 “ soon after, much displeased with the whole of
 “ this disagreeable business; and the same night
 “ sent a lieutenant on board the *Discovery* to
 “ learn the particulars of it, as it had originated
 “ in that ship.

“ It was remarkable, that in the midst of the
 “ hurry and confusion attending this affair, Kan-
 “ ynah (a Chief who had always been on terms
 “ particularly friendly with us) came from the
 “ spot where it happened, with a hog to sell on
 “ board the *Discovery*: it was of an extraor-
 “ dinary large size, and he demanded for it a
 “ pahowa, or dagger, of an unusual length. He
 “ pointed to us, that it must be as long as his
 “ arm. Captain Clerke not having one of that
 “ length, told him, he would get one made for
 “ him by the morning; with which being satis-
 “ fied, he left the hog, and went ashore without
 “ making any stay with us. It will not be
 “ altogether foreign to the subject, to mention a
 “ circumstance, that happened to-day on board
 “ the *Resolution*. An Indian Chief asked Captain
 “ Cook at his table, if he was a *Tata Toa*
 “ which means a fighting man, or a soldier.
 “ Being answered in the affirmative, he desired

“ to see his wounds: Captain Cook held out his
 “ right-hand, which had a scar upon it, divi-
 “ ding the thumb from the finger, the whole
 “ length of the metacarpal bones. The Indian,
 “ being thus convinced of his being a Toa, put
 “ the same question to another gentleman present,
 “ but he happened to have none of those dis-
 “ tinguishing marks: the Chief then said, that he
 “ himself was a Toa, and shewed the scars of
 “ some wounds he had received in battle. Those
 “ who were on duty at the observatories, were
 “ disturbed, during the night, with shrill and
 “ melancholy sounds, issuing from the adjacent
 “ villages, which they took to be the lamenta-
 “ tions of the women. Perhaps the quarrel be-
 “ tween us, might have filled their minds with
 “ apprehensions, for the safety of their husbands:
 “ but, be that as it may, their mournful cries
 “ struck the sentinels with unusual awe and terror.
 “ To widen the breach between us, some of
 “ the Indians, in the night, took away the
 “ Discovery’s large cutter, which lay swamped
 “ at the buoy of one of her anchors: they had
 “ carried her off so quietly, that we did not
 “ miss her till the morning, Sunday, February
 “ the fourteenth. Captain Clerke lost no time in
 “ waiting upon Captain Cook, to acquaint him
 “ with the accident: he returned on board,
 “ with orders for the launch and small cutter to
 “ go, under the command of the second lieuten-
 “ ant, and lie off the east point of the bay, in
 “ order to intercept all canoes that might attempt

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“ to get out; and, if he found it necessary, to
“ fire upon them. At the same time, the third
“ lieutenant of the Resolution, with the launch
“ and small cutter, was sent on the same service,
“ to the opposite point of the bay; and the
“ master was dispatched in the large cutter, in
“ pursuit of a double canoe, already under
“ sail, making the best of her way out of the
“ harbour. He soon came up with her, and by
“ firing a few muskets, drove her on shore, and
“ the Indians left her: this happened to be the
“ canoe of Omea, a man who bore the title of
“ Orono. He was on board himself, and it
“ would have been fortunate, if our people had
“ secured him, for his person was held as sacred
“ as that of the king. During this time, Captain
“ Cook was preparing to go ashore himself, at
“ the town of Kavaroak, in order to secure the
“ person of Kariopoo, before he should have
“ time to withdraw himself to another part of
“ the island, out of our reach. This appeared
“ the most effectual step that could be taken on
“ the present occasion, for the recovery of the
“ boat. — It was the measure he had invariably
“ pursued, in similar cases, at other islands in
“ these seas, and it had always been attended
“ with the desired success: in fact, it would be
“ difficult to point out any other mode of
“ proceeding on these emergencies, likely to
“ attain the object in view *. We had reason to

* Mr. King acknowledges, that he was always fearful,

“suppose, that the king and his attendants had
 “fled when the alarm was first given: in that
 “case, it was Captain Cook’s intention to secure
 “the large canoes which were hauled up on the
 “beach. He left the ship about seven o’clock,
 “attended by the lieutenant of marines, a ser-
 “jeant, corporal, and seven private men: the
 “pinnacle’s crew were also armed, and under
 “the command of Mr. Roberts. As they rowed
 “towards the shore, Captain Cook ordered the
 “launch to leave her station at the west point of
 “the bay, in order to assist his own boat. This
 “is a circumstance worthy of notice; for it
 “clearly shews, that he was not unapprehensive
 “of meeting with resistance from the natives,
 “or unmindful of the necessary preparation for
 “the safety of himself and his people. I will
 “venture to say, that, from the appearance of
 “things just at that time, there was not one,
 “beside himself, who judged that such precaution
 “was absolutely requisite: so little did his con-
 “duct on the occasion, bear the marks of
 “rashness, or a precipitate self-confidence! He
 “landed, with the marines, at the upper end
 “of the town of Kavaroah: the Indians imme-
 “diately flocked round, as usual, and shewed
 “him the customary marks of respect, by pro-

that the degree of confidence which Captain Cook had
 acquired from his long and uninterrupted course of success,
 in his transactions with the natives of these seas, might,
 at some unlucky moment, put him too much off his guard.
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“strating themselves before him. There were no
“signs of hostilities, or much alarm among
“them. Captain Cook, however, did not seem
“willing to trust to appearances; but was parti-
“cularly attentive to the disposition of the mari-
“nes, and to have them kept clear of the crowd.
“He first enquired for the king’s sons, two
“youths who were much attached to him, and
“generally his companions on board. Messengers
“being sent for them, they soon came to him,
“and informing him that their father was asleep,
“at a house not far from them, he accompanied
“them thither, and took the marines along
“with them. As he passed along, the natives
“every where prostrated themselves before him,
“and seemed to have lost no part of that respect
“they had always shewn to his person. He was
“joined by several Chiefs, among whom was
“Kanyinah, and his brother Koohowrooah. They
“kept the crowd in order, according to their
“usual custom; and, being ignorant of his in-
“tention in coming on shore, frequently asked
“him, if he wanted any hogs, or other provi-
“sions: he told them that he did not, and that
“his business was to see the king. When he
“arrived at the house, he ordered some of the
“Indians to go in, and inform Kariopoo, that
“he waited without to speak with him. They
“came out two or three times, and instead of
“returning any answer from the king, presented
“some pieces of red cloth to him, which made
“Captain Cook suspect that he was not in the

" house; he therefore desired the lieutenant of
 " marines to go in. The lieutenant found the old
 " man just awaked from sleep, and seemingly
 " alarmed at the message; but he came out
 " without hesitation. Captain Cook took him by
 " the hand, and in a friendly manner asked him
 " to go on board, to which he very readily
 " consented. Thus far matters appeared in a
 " favourable train, and the natives did not seem
 " much alarmed or apprehensive of hostility on
 " our side; at which Captain Cook expressed
 " himself a little surprized, saying, that as the
 " inhabitants of that town appeared innocent of
 " stealing the cutter, he should not molest them,
 " but that he must get the king on board. Ka-
 " riopoo sat down before his door, and was
 " surrounded by a great crowd: Kanynah and his
 " brother were both very active in keeping order
 " among them. In a little time, however, the
 " Indians were observed arming themselves with
 " long spears, clubs, and daggers, and putting
 " on thick mats, which they use as armour. This
 " hostile appearance increased, and became more
 " alarming, on the arrival of two men in a canoe
 " from the opposite side of the bay, with the
 " news of a Chief, called Kareemoo, having been
 " killed by one of the Discovery's boats. In their
 " passage across, they had also delivered this
 " account to each of the ships. Upon that inform-
 " ation, the women, who were sitting upon the
 " beach at their breakfasts, and conversing fami-
 " liarly with our people in the boats, retired,

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“ and a confused murmur spread through the
“ crowd. An old priest came to Captain Cook,
“ with a cocoa-nut in his hand, which he held
“ out to him as a present, at the same time sing-
“ ing very loud. He was often desired to be silent,
“ but in vain: he continued importunate and
“ troublesome, and there was no such thing as
“ getting rid of him or his noise: it seemed as if
“ he meant to divert their attention from his
“ countrymen, who were growing more tumultu-
“ ous, and arming themselves in every quarter.
“ Captain Cook, being at the same time sur-
“ rounded by a great crowd, thought his situation
“ rather hazardous: he therefore ordered the lieu-
“ tenant of marines to march his small party to
“ the water-side, where the boats lay within a
“ few yards of the shore: the Indians readily
“ made a lane for them to pass, and did not
“ offer to interrupt them. The distance they had
“ to go might be about fifty or sixty yards; Cap-
“ tain Cook followed, having hold of Kariopoo’s
“ hand, who accompanied him very willingly: he
“ was attended by his wife, two sons, and several
“ Chiefs. The troublesome old priest followed,
“ making the same savage noise. Keowa, the youn-
“ ger son, went directly into the pinnace, expect-
“ ing his father to follow: but just as he arrived
“ at the water-side, his wife threw her arms about
“ his neck, and, with the assistance of two Chiefs,
“ forced him to sit down by the side of a double
“ canoe. Captain Cook expostulated with them,

“ but to no purpose: they would not suffer the
“ king to proceed, telling him, that he would
“ be put to death if he went on board the ship.
“ Kariopoo, whose conduct seemed entirely re-
“ signed to the will of others, hung down his
“ head, and appeared much distressed.

“ While the king was in this situation, a Chief,
“ well known to us, of the name of Coho, was
“ observed lurking near, with an iron dagger,
“ partly concealed under his cloak, seemingly,
“ with the intention of stabbing Captain Cook,
“ or the lieutenant of marines. The latter propos-
“ ed to fire at him, but Captain Cook would not
“ permit it. Coho closing upon them, obliged
“ the officer to strike him with his piece, which
“ made him retire. Another Indian laid hold of
“ the serjeant’s musquet, and endeavoured to
“ wrench it from him, but was prevented by the
“ lieutenant’s making a blow at him. Captain
“ Cook, seeing the tumult increase, and the In-
“ dians growing more daring and resolute, observ-
“ ed, that if he were to take the king off by
“ force, he could not do it without sacrificing the
“ lives of many of his people. He then paused a
“ little, and was on the point of giving his orders
“ to reembark, when a man threw a stone at him;
“ which he returned with a discharge of small shot
“ (with which one barrel of his double piece was
“ loaded). The man, having a thick mat before
“ him, received little or no hurt: he brandished
“ his spear, and threatened to dart it at Captain
“ Cook, who being still unwilling to take away

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“ his life, instead of firing with ball, knocked him
“ down with his musquet. He expostulated strongly
“ with the most forward of the crowd, upon their
“ turbulent behaviour. He had given up all thoughts
“ of getting the king on board, as it appeared imprac-
“ ticable; and his care was then only to act on the
“ defensive; and to secure a safe embarkation for his
“ small party, which was closely pressed by a body of
“ several thousand people. Keowa, the king's son,
“ who was in the pinnace, being alarmed on hearing
“ the first firing, was, at his own entreaty, put on
“ shore again; for even at that time, Mr. Roberts,
“ who commanded her, did not apprehend that
“ Captain Cook's person was in any danger: other-
“ wise he would have detained the prince, which,
“ no doubt, would have been a great check on
“ the Indians. One man was observed, behind a
“ double canoe, in the action of darting his spear
“ at Captain Cook, who was forced to fire at him
“ in his own defence, but happened to kill ano-
“ ther close to him, equally forward in the tu-
“ mult: the serjeant observing that he had missed
“ the man he aimed at, received orders to fire at
“ him, which he did, and killed him. By this
“ time, the impetuosity of the Indians was so-
“ mewhat repressed; they fell back in a body, and
“ seemed staggered: but being pushed on by those
“ behind, they returned to the charge, and pour-
“ ed a volley of stones among the marines, who,
“ without waiting for orders, returned it with a
“ general discharge of musquetry, which was in-
“ stantly followed by a fire from the boats. At
this

" this Captain Cook was heard to express his asto-
 " nishment: he waved his hand to the boats, cal-
 " led to them to cease firing, and to come nearer
 " in to receive the marines. Mr. Roberts imme-
 " diately brought the pinnace as close to the shore
 " as he could, without grounding; notwith-
 " standing the showers of stones that fell among
 " the people: but —, the lieutenant, who com-
 " manded in the launch, instead of pulling in to
 " the assistance of Captain Cook, withdrew his
 " boat farther off, at the moment that every thing
 " seems to have depended upon the timely exer-
 " tions of those in the boats. By his own ac-
 " count, he mistook the signal: but be that as it
 " may, this circumstance appears to me, to have
 " decided the fatal turn of the affair, and to have
 " removed every chance which remained with
 " Captain Cook, of escaping with his life. The
 " business of saving the marines out of the water,
 " in consequence of that, fell altogether upon the
 " pinnace; which thereby became so much crowd-
 " ed, that the crew were, in a great measure,
 " prevented from using their fire-arms, or giving
 " what assistance they otherwise might have done,
 " to Captain Cook; so that he seems, at the most
 " critical point of time, to have wanted the assist-
 " ance of both boats, owing to the removal of
 " the launch. For, notwithstanding that they kept
 " up a fire on the crowd, from the situation to
 " which they removed in that boat, the fatal con-
 " fusion which ensued on her being withdrawn,
 " to say the least of it, must have prevented the

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“ full effect, that the prompt co-operation of the
 “ two boats, according to Captain Cook’s orders
 “ must have had, towards the preservation of him-
 “ self and his people *. At that time, it was to
 “ the boats alone, that Captain Cook had to look
 “ for his safety; for, when the marines had fired, the
 “ Indians rushed among them, and forced them
 “ into the water, where four of them were killed:
 “ their lieutenant was wounded, but fortunately
 “ escaped, and was taken up by the pinnace.
 “ Captain Cook was then the only one remaining
 “ on the rock: he was observed making for the
 “ pinnace, holding his left hand against the back
 “ of his head, to guard it from the stones, and
 “ carrying his musquet under the other arm. An
 “ Indian was seen following him, but with cau-
 “ tion and timidity; for he stopped once or twice,
 “ as if undetermined to proceed. At last he
 “ advanced upon him unawares, and with a large
 “ club †, or common stake, gave him a blow on

* I have been informed, on the best authority, that, in the opinion of Captain Phillips, who commanded the marines, and whose judgment must be of the greatest weight, it is extremely doubtful whether any thing could successfully have been done to preserve the life of Captain Cook, even if no mistake had been committed on the part of the launch.

† “ I have heard one of the gentlemen who were present say, that the first injury he received was from a dagger, as it is represented in the Voyage; but, from the account of many others, who were also eye-witnesses, I am confident, in saying, that he was first struck with a club. I was afterwards confirmed in this,

" the back of the head, and then precipitately re-
 " treated. The stroke seemed to have stunned
 " Captain Cook: he staggered a few paces, then
 " fell on his hand and one knee, and dropped his
 " musquet. As he was rising, and before he could
 " recover his feet, another Indian stabbed him in
 " the back of the neck with an iron dagger. He
 " then fell into a bite of water about knee deep,
 " where others crowded upon him, and endea-
 " voured to keep him under: but struggling very
 " strongly with them, he got his head up, and
 " casting his look towards the pinnacle, seemed to
 " solicit assistance. Though the boat was not
 " above five or six yards distant from him, yet from
 " the crowded and confused state of the crew, it
 " seems, it was not in their power to save him.
 " The Indians got him under again, but in deeper
 " water: he was, however, able to get his head
 " up once more, and being almost spent in the
 " struggle, he naturally turned to the rock, and
 " was endeavouring to support himself by it, when
 " a savage gave him a blow with a club, and he
 " was seen alive no more. They hauled him up
 " lifeless on the rocks, where they seemed to take
 " a savage pleasure in using every barbarity to his

" by Kalreeken, the priest, who particularly mentioned
 " the name of the man who gave him the blow, as well
 " as that of the Chief who afterwards struck him with
 " the dagger. This is a point not worth disputing about:
 " I mention it, as being solicitous to be accurate in this
 " account, even in circumstances, of themselves, not
 " very material."

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“ dead body, snatching the daggers out of each
“ other’s hands, to have the horrid satisfaction
“ of piercing the fallen victim of their barba-
“ rous rage.

“ I need make no reflection on the great loss we
“ suffered on this occasion, or attempt to describe
“ what we felt. It is enough to say, that no man
“ was ever more beloved or admired: and it is
“ truly painful to reflect, that he seems to have
“ fallen a sacrifice merely for want of being pro-
“ perly supported; a fate, singularly to be lament-
“ ed, as having fallen to his lot, who had ever
“ been conspicuous for his care of those under his
“ command, and who seemed, to the last, to pay
“ as much attention to their preservation, as to
“ that of his own life.

“ If any thing could have added to the shame
“ and indignation universally felt on this occasion,
“ it was to find, that his remains had been desert-
“ ed, and left exposed on the beach, although
“ they might have been brought off. It appears,
“ from the information of four or five midshipmen,
“ who arrived on the spot at the conclusion of the
“ fatal business, that the beach was then almost
“ entirely deserted by the Indians, who at length
“ had given way to the fire of the boats, and dis-
“ persed through the town: so that there seemed
“ no great obstacle to prevent the recovery of
“ Captain Cook’s body; but the lieutenant return-
“ ed on board without making the attempt. It
“ is unnecessary to dwell longer on this painful
“ subject, and to relate the complaints and censu-

“ res that fell on the conduct of the lieutenant.
 “ It will be sufficient to observe, that they were
 “ so loud as to oblige Captain Clerke publicly to
 “ notice them, and to take the depositions of his
 “ accusers down in writing. The Captain’s bad
 “ state of health and approaching dissolution, it
 “ is supposed, induced him to destroy these pa-
 “ pers a short time before his death.

“ It is a painful task, to be obliged to notice
 “ circumstances, which seem to reflect upon the
 “ character of any man. A strict regard to
 “ truth, however, compelled me to the inser-
 “ tion of these facts, which I have offered mere-
 “ ly as facts, without presuming to connect with
 “ them any comment of my own: esteeming it
 “ the part of a faithful historian, “ to extenuate
 “ nothing, nor set down aught in malice.”

“ The fatal accident happened at eight o’clock
 “ in the morning, about an hour after Captain
 “ Cook landed. It did not seem, that the king,
 “ or his sons, were witnesses to it; but it is sup-
 “ posed that they withdrew in the midst of the
 “ tumult. The principal actors were the other
 “ Chiefs, many of them the king’s relations and
 “ attendants: the man who stabbed him with the
 “ dagger was called Nooah. I happened to be
 “ the only one who recollected his person, from
 “ having on a former occasion mentioned his
 “ name in the journal I kept. I was induced to
 “ take particular notice of him, more from his
 “ personal appearance than any other consid-
 “ eration, though he was of high rank, and a

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“ near relation of the king; he was stout and
“ tall, with a fierce look and demeanour, and
“ one who united in his figure the two qualities
“ of strength and agility, in a greater degree,
“ than ever I remembered to have seen before
“ in any other man. His age might be about
“ thirty, and by the white scurf on his skin,
“ and his fore eyes, he appeared to be a hard
“ drinker of Kava. He was a constant compa-
“ nion of the king, with whom I first saw him,
“ when he paid a visit to Captain Clerke. The
“ Chief who first struck Captain Cook with the
“ club, was called Karimano, craha, but I did
“ not know him by his name. These circum-
“ stances I learnt of honest Kaireeka, the priest;
“ who added, that they were both held in great
“ esteem on account of that action: neither of
“ them came near us afterwards. When the boats
“ left the shore, the Indians carried away the
“ dead body of Captain Cook and those of the
“ marines, to the rising ground, at the back of
“ the town, where we could plainly see them
“ with our glasses from the ships.

“ This most melancholy accident appears to
“ have been altogether unexpected and unfore-
“ seen, as well on the part of the natives as
“ ourselves. I never saw sufficient reason to in-
“ duce me to believe, that there was any thing
“ of design, or a pre-concerted plan on their
“ side, or that they purposely fought to quarrel
“ with us: thieving, which gave rise to the
“ whole, they were equally guilty of, in our

" first and second visits. It was the cause of C H A P.
 " every misunderstanding that happened between VII.
 " us: their petty thefts were generally overlook- 1779.
 " ed, but sometimes slightly punished: the boat,
 " which they at last ventured to take away,
 " was an object of no small magnitude to people
 " in our situation, who could not possibly re-
 " place her, and therefore not slightly to be
 " given up. We had no other chance of reco-
 " vering her, but by getting the person of the
 " king into our possession: on our attempting to
 " do that, the natives became alarmed for his
 " safety, and naturally opposed those whom they
 " deemed his enemies. In the sudden conflict
 " that ensued, we had the unspeakable misfor-
 " tune of losing our excellent Commander, in
 " the manner already related. It is in this light
 " the affair has always appeared to me, as en-
 " tirely accidental, and not in the least owing
 " to any previous offence received, or jealousy
 " of our second visit entertained by the natives.
 " Pareah seems to have been the principal in-
 " strument in bringing about this fatal disaster.
 " We learnt afterwards, that it was he who had
 " employed some people to steal the boat: the
 " king did not seem to be privy to it, or even
 " apprized of what had happened, till Captain
 " Cook landed.

" It was generally remarked, that at first, the
 " Indians shewed great resolution in facing our
 " fire-arms; but it was entirely owing to igno-
 " rance of their effect. They thought that their

CHAP. " thick mats would defend them from a ball,
 VII. " as well as from a stone, but being soon con-
 1779. " vinced of their error, yet still at a loss to ac-
 " count how such execution was done among
 " them, they had recourse to a stratagem,
 " which, though it answered no other purpose,
 " served to shew their ingenuity and quickness
 " of invention. Observing the flashes of the
 " musquets, they naturally concluded, that
 " water would counteract their effect, and there-
 " fore, very sagaciously, dipped their mats,
 " or armour, in the sea, just as they came on
 " to face our people: but finding this last re-
 " source to fail them, they soon dispersed, and
 " left the beach entirely clear. It was an object
 " they never neglected, even at the greatest ha-
 " zard, to carry off their slain; a custom, pro-
 " bably owing to the barbarity with which they
 " treat the dead body of an enemy, and the
 " trophies they make of his bones *."

In consequence of this barbarity of disposition, the whole remains of Captain Cook could not be recovered. For, though every exertion was made for that purpose; though negotiations and threatenings were alternately employed, little more than the principal part of his bones (and that with great difficulty) could be procured. By the possession of them, our navigators were enabled to perform the last offices to their emi-

* Samwell's Narrative of the Death of Captain James Cook, p. 2 — 20.

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ment and unfortunate Commander. The bones, CHAM
 having been put into a coffin, and the service VII.
 being read over them, were committed to the 1770.
 deep, on the twenty-first, with the usual mili- at February.
 tary honours. What were the feelings of the
 companies of both the ships, on this occasion,
 must be left to the world to conceive; for those
 who were present know, that it is not in the
 power of any pen to express them.

A promotion of officers followed the decease
 of Captain Cook. Captain Clerke having suc-
 ceeded of course to the command of the expe-
 dition, removed on board the Resolution. By
 him Mr. Gore was appointed Captain of the
 Discovery, and the rest of the lieutenants ob-
 tained an addition of rank, in their proper order.
 Mr. Harvey, a midshipman, who had been in
 the last as well as the present voyage, was pro-
 moted to the vacant lieutenancy *.

Not long after Captain Cook's death, an event
 occurred in Europe, which had a particular relation
 to the voyage of our navigator, and which was
 so honourable to himself, and to the great na-
 tion from whom it proceeded, that it is no small
 pleasure to me to be able to lay the transaction
 somewhat at large before my readers. What I
 refer to is, the letter which was issued, on the
 nineteenth of March 1779, by Monsieur Sartine, 19 March.
 secretary of the marine department at Paris, and

* King's Voyage, ubi supra, p. 59 — 64, 68, 76,
 77. 80, 81.

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sent to all the commanders of French ships. The rescript was as follows: "Captain Cook, who failed from Plymouth in July 1776, on board the Resolution, in company with the Discovery, Captain Clerke, in order to make some discoveries on the coasts, islands and seas of Japan and California, being on the point of returning to Europe; and such discoveries being of general utility to all nations, it is the King's pleasure, that Captain Cook shall be treated as a commander of a neutral and allied power, and that all Captains of armed vessels, &c. who may meet that famous navigator, shall make him acquainted with the King's orders on this behalf, but, at the same time, let him know, that on his part he must refrain from all hostilities *." By the Marquis of Condorcet we are informed, that this measure originated in the liberal and enlightened mind of that excellent citizen and statesman, Monsieur Turgot. "When war," says the Marquis, "was declared between France and England, M. Turgot saw how honourable it would be to the French nation that the vessel of Captain Cook should be treated with respect at sea. He composed a memorial, in which he proved, that honour, reason, and even interest, dictated this act of respect for humanity, and it was in consequence of this memorial, the author of which was unknown during his life, that an order

* Gentleman's Magazine, vol. xlix. p. 209.

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" was given not to treat as an enemy, the com- C H A P.
" mon benefactor of every European nation *." VII.

Whilst great praise is due to Monsieur Turgot for having suggested the adoption of a measure which hath contributed so much to the reputation of the French government, it must not be forgotten, that the first thought of such a plan of conduct was probably owing to Dr. Benjamin Franklin. Thus much, at least, is certain, that this eminent philosopher, when ambassador at Paris from the United States of America, preceded the Court of France in issuing a similar requisition; a copy of which cannot fail of being acceptable to the reader.

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" To all Captains and Commanders of armed
" Ships, acting by Commission from the Con-
" gress of the United States of America, now in
" war with Great Britain.

" Gentlemen,

" A ship having been fitted out from Eng-
" land before the commencement of this war,
" to make discoveries of new countries in un-
" known seas, under the conduct of that most
" celebrated navigator and discoverer, Captain
" Cook; an undertaking truly laudable in itself,
" as the increase of geographical knowledge faci-
" litates the communication between distant na-

* Condorcet's Life of M. Turgot, p. 263, English translation.

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 " are multiplied and augmented, and science of
 " other kinds encreased, to the benefit of man-
 " kind in general — This is therefore most ear-
 " nestly to recommend to every one of you,
 " that in case the said ship, which is now ex-
 " pected to be soon in the European seas on
 " her return, should happen to fall into your
 " hands, you would not consider her as an
 " enemy, nor suffer any plunder to be made of
 " the effects contained in her, nor obstruct her
 " immediate return to England, by detaining
 " her, or sending her into any other part of Eu-
 " rope, or to America; but that you would treat
 " the said Captain Cook and his people with all
 " civility and kindness, affording them, as com-
 " mon friends to mankind, all the assistance in
 " your power, which they may happen to stand in
 " need of. In so doing, you will not only
 " gratify the generosity of your own dispositions,
 " but there is no doubt of your obtaining the
 " approbation of the Congress, and your other
 " American owners. I have the honour to be,
 " Gentlemen,

" At Passy, near Pa-
 " ris, this 10th day
 " of March 1779.

"Your most obedient, humble servant,

" B. FRANKLIN,

" Minister Plenipotentiary from
 " the Congress of the United
 " States, at the Court of
 " France."

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It is observable, that as Dr. Franklin acted on his own authority, he could only *earnestly recommend* to the Commanders of American armed vessels not to consider Captain Cook as an enemy; and it is somewhat remarkable, that he mentions no more than one ship; Captain Clerke not being noticed in the requisition. In the confidence which the Doctor expressed, with respect to the approbation of Congress, he happened to be mistaken. As the members of that assembly, at least with regard to the greater part of them, were not possessed of minds equally enlightened with that of their ambassador, he was not supported by his masters in this noble act of humanity, of love to science, and of liberal policy. The orders he had given were instantly reversed; and it was directed by Congress; that especial care should be taken to seize Captain Cook, if an opportunity of doing it occurred. All this proceeded from a false notion that it would be injurious to the United States for the English to obtain a knowledge of the opposite coast of America.

The conduct of the court of Spain was regulated by similar principles of jealousy. It was apprehended by that court, that there was reason to be cautious of granting, too easily, an indulgence to Captain Cook; since it was not certain what mischiefs might ensue to the Spaniards from a northern passage to their American dominions. M. de Belluga, a Spanish gentleman and officer, of a liberal and philosophical turn of mind, and

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who was a member of the Royal Society of London, endeavoured to prevail upon the Count of Florida Blanca, and M. d'Almodavar, to grant an order of protection to the Resolution and Discovery; and he flattered himself, that the ministers of the King of Spain would be prevailed upon to prefer the cause of science to the partial views of interest: but the Spanish Government was not capable of rising to so enlarged and magnanimous a plan of policy. To the French nation alone, therefore, was reserved the honour of setting an example of wisdom and humanity, which, I trust, will not, hereafter, be so uncommon in the history of mankind*.

The progress of the voyage, after the decease of Captain Cook, doth not fall within the design of the present narrative. It must be sufficient, therefore, barely to mention, that the Sandwich

* For the materials from which the preceding account is drawn up, I am indebted to Sir Joseph Banks. Sir Joseph and Mr. Stephens have been at considerable pains to obtain, by application to the Duke of Dorset, an authentic copy of the protection granted by the court of France to Captain Cook's ships. If it should arrive in time, it will be inserted at the end of the volume.

I shall here add, that as soon as Captain Gore was informed of the order of the French Government (an account of which he received at Canton) he thought himself bound, in return for the liberal exceptions made in favour of our navigators, to refrain from laying hold of any opportunities of capture that might chance to occur, and to preserve, throughout his voyage, the strictest neutrality. King's Voyage, p. 448.

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Islands were farther explored, and a large addition of whatever relates to the knowledge of their productions and inhabitants obtained; that Kamtschatka was visited, and a very friendly intercourse maintained with the Russian officers, of that country; that our navigators experienced the most generous and hospitable treatment from Major Behm in particular, the Commander of the garrison at Bolcharetsk; that they proceeded to the north, in pursuit of the grand object of the expedition; that, having passed through Beering's Strait, and attained to something more than sixty-nine degrees and a half of northern latitude, they found it absolutely impossible to penetrate through the ice, either on the side of America or on the side of Asia; that every hope being excluded of accomplishing this way a passage into the Atlantic ocean, Captain Clerke was obliged to come to the determination of sailing back to the southward; that on the twenty-second of August, (1779) being less than a month after this determination, the Captain died of a consumption*; that Captain Gore succeeded to

* Captain Clerke departed this life in the thirty-eighth year of his age. He was brought up to the navy from his earliest youth, and had been in several actions during the war which began in 1756. In the action between the *Bellona* and the *Courageux*, being stationed in the mizen-top, he was carried overboard with the mast; but was taken up without having received any hurt. He was a midshipman in the *Dolphin*, commanded by Captain Biron, in a voyage round the world; after which he served on the American station. In 1768, he made his second voyage round the

CHAP. the command of the Resolution, and Lieutenant
 VII. King to that of the Discovery; that a second
 1779. visit was paid to Kamtschatka, by which a farther
 acquaintance was gained with that part of the
 world; that no small accession of information was
 acquired with respect to geographical science in
 general; that our voyagers pursued their course
 by the coasts of Japan and China; that they made
 some stay at Canton; that thence they proceed-
 ed to the Cape of Good Hope; that they came to
 an anchor at Stromness, on the twenty-second of

world, in the Endeavour, as master's mate; and, in
 consequence of the death of Mr. Hicks, which happened
 on the twenty-third of May, 1771, he returned home a
 lieutenant. His third circum-navigation of the globe was in
 the Resolution, of which he was appointed the second
 lieutenant; and he continued in that situation till his return
 in 1775; soon after which he was promoted to the rank
 of master and commander. In what capacity he sailed
 with Captain Cook in this last expedition, need not be
 added. The consumption of which Captain Clerke died,
 had evidently commenced before he left England, and he
 lingered under it during the whole voyage. Though his
 very gradual decay had long made him a melancholy object
 to his friends, nevertheless, they derived some consolation
 from the equanimity with which he bore his disorder,
 from the constant flow of good spirits maintained by him
 to his latest hour, and from his submitting to his fate with
 chearful resignation. It was, however, impossible, says
 Mr. King, "not to feel a more than common degree of
 "compassion for a person, whose life had been a conti-
 "nued scene of those difficulties and hardships, to which
 "a seaman's occupation is subject, and under which he
 "at last sunk." King's Voyage, p. 280, 281.

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May, 1780; that both ships arrived safe at the Nore, on the fourth of October, after an absence of four years, two months, and twenty-two days; that, during the whole of the undertaking, the Resolution lost only five men by sickness, three of whom were in a precarious state of health at their departure from England, while the Discovery did not lose a single man; and that the history of the voyage, from the time in which Captain Cook's journal ends, was written with great ability by Mr. King. With concern I add, that, by the decease of Captain King, who died at Nice, in Italy, in the year 1784, this country sustained another loss of an able and scientific commander and navigator, who hath left a memorial of his talents and services, which has honourably united his name with that of the immortal Cook *.

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* A farther account of Captain King will be found in the Appendix, N^o I.

CHAPTER THE EIGHTH.

Character of Captain Cook. — Effects of his Voyages. — Testimonies of Applause. — Commemorations of his Services. — Regard paid to his Family. — Conclusion.

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VIII. Captain Cook's course of life, and of the important events in which he was engaged, my readers cannot be strangers to his general character. This, therefore, might be left to be collected from his actions, which are the best exhibitions of the great qualities of his mind. But, perhaps, were I not to endeavour to afford a summary view of him in these respects, I might be thought to fail in that duty which I owe to the public on the present occasion.

It cannot, I think, be denied, that genius belonged to Captain Cook in an eminent degree. By genius I do not here understand imagination merely, or that power of culling the flowers of fancy which poetry delights in; but an inventive mind; a mind full of resources; and which, by its own native vigour, can suggest noble objects of pursuit, and the most effectual methods of attaining them. This faculty was possessed by our navigator in its full energy, as is evident from

the uncommon sagacity and penetration which he discovered in a vast variety of critical and difficult situations. C H A P.
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To genius Captain Cook added application, without which nothing very valuable or permanent can be accomplished, even by the brightest capacity. For an unremitting attention to whatever related to his profession, he was distinguished in early life. In every affair that was undertaken by him, his assiduity was without interruption, and without abatement. Wherever he came, he suffered nothing which was fit for a seaman to know or to practise, to pass unnoticed, or to escape his diligence.

The genius and application of Captain Cook were followed by a large extent of knowledge; a knowledge which, besides a consummate acquaintance with navigation, comprehended a number of other sciences. In this respect, the ardour of his mind rose above the disadvantages of a very confined education. His progress in the different branches of the mathematics, and particularly in astronomy, became so eminent, that, at length, he was able to take the lead in making the necessary observations of this kind, in the course of his voyages. He attained, likewise, to such a degree of proficiency in general learning, and the art of composition, as to be able to express himself with a manly clearness and propriety, and to become respectable as the narrator, as well as the performer, of great actions.

Another thing, strikingly conspicuous in Cap-

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was devoted. This, indeed, was a most distinguished feature in his character: in this he scarcely ever had an equal, and never a superior. Nothing could divert him from the points he aimed at; and he persisted in the prosecution of them, through difficulties and obstructions which would have deterred minds of very considerable strength and firmness.

What enabled him to persevere in all his mighty undertakings, was the invincible fortitude of his spirit. Of this, instances without number occur in the accounts of his expeditions; two of which I shall take the liberty of recalling to the attention of my readers. The first is, the undaunted magnanimity with which he prosecuted his discoveries along the whole south-east coast of New Holland. Surrounded as he was with the greatest possible dangers, arising from the perpetual succession of rocks, shoals, and breakers, and having a ship that was almost shaken to pieces by repeated perils, his vigorous mind had a regard to nothing but what he thought was required of him by his duty to the public. It will not be easy to find, in the history of navigation, a parallel example of courageous exertion. The other circumstance I would refer to is the boldness with which, in his second voyage, after he left the Cape of Good Hope, he pushed forwards into unknown seas, and penetrated through innumerable mountains and islands of

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ice, in the search of a southern continent. It was like launching into chaos: all was obscurity, all was darkness before him; and no event can be compared with it, excepting the sailing of Magelhaens, from the straits which bear his name, into the Pacific Ocean *.

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The fortitude of Captain Cook, being founded upon reason, and not upon instinct, was not an impetuous valour, but accompanied with compleat self-possession. He was master of himself on every trying occasion, and seemed to be the more calm and collected, the greater was the exigence of the case. In the most perilous situations, when our Commander had given the proper directions concerning what was to be done while he went to rest, he could sleep, during the hours he had allotted to himself, with perfect composure and soundness †. Nothing could be a surer indication of an elevated mind; of a mind that was entirely satisfied with itself, and with the measures it had taken.

To all these great qualities, Captain Cook added the most amiable virtues. That it was impossible for any one to excel him in humanity, is apparent from his treatment of his men through all his voyages, and from his behaviour to the natives of the countries which were discovered by him. The health, the convenience, and, as

* For the two remarks above mentioned, I am indebted to Mr. Hodges.

† From the information of Captain Dudgeon.

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far as it could be admitted, the enjoyment of the seamen, were the constant objects of his attention; and he was anxiously solicitous to meliorate the condition of the inhabitants of the several islands and places which he visited. With regard to their thieveries, he candidly apologized for, and overlooked, many offences which others would have sharply punished; and when he was laid under an indispensable necessity of proceeding to any acts of severity, he never exerted them without feeling much reluctance and concern.

In the private relations of life, Captain Cook was entitled to high commendation. He was excellent as a husband and a father, and sincere and steady in his friendships: and to this it may be added, that he possessed that general sobriety and virtue of character, which will always be found to constitute the best security and ornament of every other moral qualification.

With the greatest benevolence and humanity of disposition, Captain Cook was occasionally subject to a hastiness of temper. This, which has been exaggerated by the few (and they are indeed few) who are unfavourable to his memory, is acknowledged by his friends. It is mentioned both by Captain King and Mr. Samwell, in their delineations of his character. Mr. Hayley, in one of his poems, calls him the *mild Cook*; but, perhaps, that is not the happiest epithet which could have been applied to him. Mere mildness can scarcely be considered as the most prominent and distinctive feature in the mind of a man, whose powers of understanding

and of action were so strong and elevated, who had such immense difficulties to struggle with, and who must frequently have been called to the firmest exertions of authority and command.

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Lastly, Captain Cook was distinguished by a property which is almost universally the concomitant of truly great men, and that is, a simplicity of manners. In conversation he was unaffected and unassuming; rather backward in pushing discourse; but obliging and communicative in his answers to those who addressed him for the purposes of information. It was not possible that, in a mind constituted like his, such a paltry quality as vanity could find an existence.

In this imperfect delineation of Captain Cook's character, I have spoken of him in a manner which is fully justified by the whole course of his life and actions, and which is perfectly agreeable to the sentiments of those who were the most nearly connected with him in the habits of intimacy and friendship. The pictures which some of them have drawn of him, though they have already been presented to the public, cannot here with propriety be omitted. — Captain King has expressed himself concerning him in the following terms. “ The constitution of his body was robust, inured to labour, and capable of under-going the severest hardships. His stomach bore, without difficulty, the coarsest and most ungrateful food: — Great was the indifference with which he submitted to every kind of self-denial. The qualities of

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“ his mind were of the same hardy, vigorous
“ kind with those of his body. His understanding
“ was strong and perspicacious. His judgment, in
“ whatever related to the services he was engaged
“ in, quick and sure. His designs were bold and
“ manly; and both in the conception, and in the
“ mode of execution, bore evident marks of a
“ great original genius. His courage was cool and
“ determined, and accompanied with an admirable
“ presence of mind in the moment of danger. His
“ temper might perhaps have been justly blamed,
“ as subject to hastiness and passion, had not these
“ been disarmed by a disposition the most bene-
“ volent and humane.

“ Such were the outlines of Captain Cook’s
“ character; but its most distinguishing feature
“ was that unremitting perseverance in the pur-
“ suit of his object, which was not only superior
“ to the opposition of dangers, and the pressure
“ of hardships, but even exempt from the want of
“ ordinary relaxation. During the long and tedious
“ voyages in which he was engaged, his eager-
“ ness and activity were never in the least abated.
“ No incidental temptation could detain him for
“ a moment: even those intervals of recreation,
“ which sometimes unavoidably occurred, and
“ were looked for by us with a longing, that
“ persons, who have experienced the fatigues of
“ service, will readily excuse, were submitted to
“ by him with a certain impatience, whenever
“ they could not be employed in making a farther

“ provision for the more effectual prosecution of
 “ his designs *”.

“ The character of Captain Cook, says Mr.
 “ Samwell, will be best exemplified by the ser-
 “ vices he has performed, which are universally
 “ known, and have ranked his name above that
 “ of any navigator of ancient or of modern times.
 “ Nature had endowed him with a mind vigorous
 “ and comprehensive, which in his riper years he
 “ had cultivated with care and industry. His ge-
 “ neral knowledge was extensive and various: in
 “ that of his own profession he was unequalled.
 “ With a clear judgment, strong masculine sense,
 “ and the most determined resolution; with a
 “ genius peculiarly turned for enterprize, he pur-
 “ sued his object with unshaken perseverance:—
 “ vigilant and active in an eminent degree:—cool
 “ and intrepid among dangers; patient and firm
 “ under difficulties and distress; fertile in expedi-
 “ ents; great and original in all his designs; active
 “ and resolved in carrying them into execution.
 “ These qualities rendered him the animating
 “ spirit of the expedition: in every situation, he
 “ stood unrivalled and alone; on him all eyes
 “ were turned; he was our leading-star, which
 “ at its setting, left us involved in darkness and
 “ despair.

“ His constitution was strong, his mode of liv-
 “ ing temperate.—He was a modest man, and
 “ rather bashful; of an agreeable lively conversa-

* King's Voyage, p. 48, 49.

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tion, sensible and intelligent. In his temper he was somewhat hasty, but of a disposition the most friendly, benevolent, and humane. His person was above six feet high, and though a good-looking man, he was plain both in address and appearance. His head was small; his hair, which was a dark brown, he wore tied behind. His face was full of expression; his nose exceedingly well shaped; his eyes, which were small and of a brown cast, were quick and piercing; his eye-brows prominent, which gave his countenance altogether an air of austerity.

He was beloved by his people, who looked up to him as to a father, and obeyed his commands with alacrity. The confidence we placed in him was unremitting; our admiration of his great talents unbounded; our esteem for his good qualities affectionate and sincere.—

He was remarkably distinguished for the activity of his mind: it was that which enabled him to pay an unwearied attention to every object of the service. The strict œconomy he observed in the expenditure of the ship's stores, and the unremitting care he employed for the preservation of the health of his people, were the causes that enabled him to prosecute discoveries in remote parts of the globe, for such a length of time as had been deemed impracticable by former navigators. The method he discovered for preserving the health of seamen in long voyages, will transmit his name to posterity as

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“ the friend and benefactor of mankind: the success which attended it, afforded this truly great man more satisfaction, than the distinguished fame that attended his discoveries.

“ England has been unanimous in her tribute of applause to his virtues, and all Europe has borne testimony to his merit. There is hardly a corner of the earth, however remote and savage, that will not long remember his benevolence and humanity. The grateful Indian, in time to come, pointing to the herds grazing his fertile plains, will relate to his children how the first stock of them was introduced into the country; and the name of Cook will be remembered among those benign spirits, whom they worship as the source of every good, and the fountain of every blessing*.”

At the conclusion of the Introduction to the Voyage to the Pacific Ocean, is an eulogium on Captain Cook, drawn up by one of his own profession, of whom it is said, that he is not more distinguished by the elevation of rank, than by the dignity of private virtues†. Though this excellent eulogium must be known to many, and perhaps to most, of my readers, they will not be displeased at having the greater part of it brought to their recollection.

Captain James Cook “possessed,” says the

* Some particulars concerning the life and character of Captain Cook, annexed to the narrative of his death, p. 25 — 27.

† Introduction, p. lxxxv.

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writer, " in an eminent degree, all the qualifica-
" tions requisite for his profession and great under-
" takings; together with the amiable and worthy
" qualities of the best men.

" Cool and deliberate in judging: sagacious in
" determining: active in executing: steady and
" persevering in enterprizing from vigilance and
" unremitting caution: unsubdued by labour,
" difficulties, and disappointments: fertile in ex-
" pedients: never wanting presence of mind: al-
" ways possessing himself, and the full use of a
" sound understanding.

" Mild, just, but exact in discipline: he was a
" father to his people, who were attached to him
" from affection, and obedient from confidence.

" His knowledge, his experience, his sagacity,
" rendered him so entirely master of his subject,
" that the greatest obstacles were surmounted,
" and the most dangerous navigations became easy,
" and almost safe, under his direction.

" By his benevolent and unabating attention
" to the welfare of his ship's company, he disco-
" vered and introduced a system for the preser-
" vation of the health of seamen in long voyages,
" which has proved wonderfully efficacious.

" The death of this eminent and valuable man
" was a loss to mankind in general; and particu-
" larly to be deplored by every nation that
" respects useful accomplishments, that honours
" science, and loves the benevolent and amiable
" affections of the heart. It is still more to be
" deplored by this country, which may justly

“ boast of having produced a man hitherto unequalled for nautical talents; and that sorrow is farther aggravated by the reflection, that his country was deprived of this ornament by the enmity of a people, from whom, indeed, it might have been dreaded, but from whom it was not deserved. For, actuated always by the most attentive care and tender compassion for the savages in general, this excellent man was ever assiduously endeavouring, by kind treatment, to dissipate their fears, and court their friendship; overlooking their thefts and treacheries, and frequently interposing, at the hazard of his life, to protect them from the sudden resentment of his own injured people.—

“ Traveller! contemplate, admire, revere, and emulate this great master in his profession; whose skill and labours have enlarged natural philosophy; have extended nautical science; and have disclosed the long-concealed and admirable arrangements of the Almighty in the formation of this globe, and, at the same time, the arrogance of mortals, in presuming to account, by their speculations, for the laws by which he was pleased to create it. It is now discovered, beyond all doubt, that the same great Being who created the universe by his *fiat*, by the same ordained our earth to keep a just poise, without a corresponding southern continent, and it does so. He *stretches out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.* Job xxvi. 7.

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" If the arduous but exact researches of this
 " extraordinary man have not discovered a new
 " world, they have discovered seas unnavigated
 " and unknown before. They have made us
 " acquainted with islands, people, and producti-
 " ons of which we had no conception. And if
 " he has not been so fortunate as Americus, to
 " give his name to a continent, his pretensions to
 " such a distinction remain unrivalled, and he will
 " be revered while there remains a page of his
 " own modest account of his voyages, and
 " as long as mariners and geographers shall be
 " instructed, by his new map of the southern
 " hemisphere, to trace the various courses and
 " discoveries he has made.

" If public services merit public acknowledg-
 " ments; if the man who adorned and raised the
 " fame of his country is deserving of honours,
 " then Captain Cook deserves to have a monu-
 " ment raised to his memory, by a generous and
 " grateful nation.

" *Virtutis uberrimum alimentum est honos.*

" *Val. Maximus, lib. ii. cap. 6*.*"

The last character I shall here insert of Captain Cook, comes from a learned writer, who, in consequence of some disagreements which are understood to have subsisted between him and our great navigator, cannot be suspected of intending to celebrate him in the language of flattery.

* Introduction to the Voyage to the Pacific Ocean, p. lxxxvi. — lxxxix.

Dr. Reinhold Forster, having given a short account of the Captain's death, adds as follows:

" Thus fell this truly glorious and justly admired
 " navigator.—If we consider his extreme abilities,
 " both natural and acquired, the firmness and con-
 " stancy of his mind, his truly paternal care for
 " the crew entrusted to him, the amiable manner
 " with which he knew how to gain the friendship
 " of all the savage and uncultivated nations, and
 " even his conduct towards his friends and ac-
 " quaintance, we must acknowledge him to have
 " been one of the greatest men of his age, and
 " that reason justifies the tear which friendship
 " pays to his memory *." After such an encomium
 on Captain Cook, less regard may justly be paid
 to the deductions from it, which are added by
 Dr. Forster. What he hath said concerning the
 Captain's temper, seems to have received a tincture
 of exaggeration, from prejudice and personal ani-
 mosity; and the Doctor's insinuation, that our
 navigator obstructed Lieutenant Pickersgill's pro-
 motion, is, I have good reason to believe, wholly
 groundless. There is another error which must
 not pass unnoticed. Dr. Forster puts in his caveat
 against giving the name of Cook's Straights to the
 Straights between Asia and America, discovered
 by Beering. But if the Doctor had read the Voyage
 to the Pacific Ocean, published by authority, he
 would have seen, that there was no design of rob-

* Forster's History of the Voyages and Discoveries made
 in the North, p. 404.

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From a survey of Captain Cook's character, it is natural to extend our reflections to the effects of the several expeditions in which he was engaged. These, indeed, must have largely appeared in the general History of his Life; and they have finely been displayed by Dr. Douglas (now Bishop of Carlisle) in his admirable Introduction to the Voyage to the Pacific Ocean. Under the conduct of so able a guide, I shall subjoin a short view of the subject.

It must, however, be observed, that, with regard to the three principal consequences of our great navigator's transactions, I have nothing farther to offer. These are, his having dispelled the illusion of a *Terra Australis Incognita*; his demonstration of the impracticability of a northern passage from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean; and his having established a sure method of preserving the health of seamen in the longest voyages, and through every variety of latitude and climate. Concerning each of these capital objects, I have already so fully spoken, that it is not in my power to add to the impression of their importance, and of Captain Cook's merits in relation to them, which I trust, is firmly fixed on the mind of every reader.

It is justly remarked, by the Bishop of Carlisle that one great advantage accruing to the world from our late surveys of the globe, is, that they have confuted fanciful theories, too likely to give birth

birth to impracticable undertakings. The ingenious reveries of speculative philosophers, which have so long amused the learned, and raised the most sanguine expectations, are now obliged to submit, perhaps with reluctance, to the sober dictates of truth and experience. Nor will it be only by discouraging future unprofitable searches, that the late voyages will be of service to mankind, but also by lessening the dangers and distresses formerly experienced in those seas which are within the actual line of commerce and navigation. From the British discoveries, many commercial improvements may be expected to arise in our own times: but, in future ages, such improvements may be extended to a degree, of which, at present, we have no conception. In the long chain of causes and effects, no one can tell how widely and beneficially the mutual intercourse of the various inhabitants of the earth may hereafter be carried on, in consequence of the means of facilitating it, which have been explored and pointed out by Captain Cook.

The interests of science, as well as of commerce, stand highly indebted to this illustrious navigator. That a knowledge of the globe on which we live is a very desirable object, no one can call in question. This is an object which, while it is ardently pursued by the most enlightened philosophers, is sought for with avidity, even by those whose studies do not carry them beyond the lowest rudiments of learning. It need not be said what gratification Captain Cook hath provided for the world in this respect. Before the voya

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gen of the present reign took place, nearly half the surface of the earth was hidden in obscurity and confusion. From the discoveries of our navigator, geography has assumed a new face, and become, in a great measure, a new science; having attained to such a completion, as to leave only some less important parts of the globe to be explored by future voyagers *.

Happily for the advancement of knowledge, acquisitions cannot be obtained in any one branch, without leading to acquisitions in other branches, of equal, and perhaps of superior consequence. New oceans cannot be traversed, or new countries visited, without presenting fresh objects of speculation and enquiry, and carrying the practice, as well as the theory, of philosophy, to a higher degree of perfection. *Nautical astronomy*, in particular, was in its infancy, when the late voyages were first undertaken; but, during the prosecution of them, and especially in Captain Cook's last expedition, even many of the petty officers could observe the distance of the moon from the sun, or a star, the most delicate of all observations, with sufficient accuracy. As for the officers of superior rank, they would have felt themselves ashamed to have it thought that they did not know how to observe for, and compute the time at sea; though such a thing had, a little before, scarcely been heard of among seamen.

* Lieutenant Robert's admirable chart will set this matter in the strongest light.

Nay, first-rate philosophers had doubted the possibility of doing it with the exactness that could be wished. It must, however, be remembered, that a large share of praise is due to the Board of Longitude, for the proficiency of the gentlemen of the navy in taking observations at sea. In consequence of the attention of that board to this important object, liberal rewards have been given to mathematicians for perfecting the lunar tables, and facilitating calculations; and artists have been amply encouraged in the construction of instruments and watches, much more accurately and compleatly adapted to the purposes of navigation than formerly existed.

It is needless to mention what a quantity of additional information has been gained with respect to the rise and times of the flowing of the tides; the direction and force of currents at sea; and the cause and nature of the polarity of the needle, and the theory of its variations. Natural knowledge has been increased by experiments on the effects of gravity in different and very distant places: and, from Captain Cook's having penetrated so far into the Southern Ocean, it is now ascertained, that the phenomenon, usually called the *Aurora Borealis*, is not peculiar to high northern latitudes, but belongs equally to all cold climates, whether they be north or south.

Amidst the different branches of science that have been promoted by the late expeditions, there is none, perhaps, that stands so highly indebted to them as the science of botany. At least

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It is not to the enlargement of natural knowledge only, that the effects arising from Captain Cook's voyages are to be confined. Another important object of study has been opened by them; and that is, the study of human nature, in situations various, interesting, and uncommon. The islands visited in the centre of the South Pacific Ocean, and the principal scenes of the operations of our discoverers, were untrodden ground. As the inhabitants, so far as could be observed, had continued, from their original settlement, unmixed with any different tribe; as they had been left entirely to their own powers for every art of life, and to their own remote traditions for every political or religious custom or institution; as they were uninformed by science, and unimproved by education, they could not but afford many subjects of speculation to an inquisitive and philosophical mind. Hence may be collected a variety of important facts with respect to the state of man; with respect to his attainments and deficiencies, his virtues and vices, his employments and diversions, his feelings, manners, and customs,

in a certain period of society. Even the curiosities which have been brought from the discovered islands, and which enrich the British Museum, and the late Sir Ashton Lever's (now Mr. Parkinson's) repository, may be considered as a valuable acquisition to this country; as supplying no small fund of information and entertainment.

Few enquiries are more interesting than those which relate to the migrations of the various families or tribes that have peopled the earth. It was known in general, that the Asiatic nation, called Malaysians, possessed, in former times, much the greatest trade in the Indies; and that they frequented, with their merchant ships, not only all the coasts of Asia, but ventured over even, to the coasts of Africa, and particularly to the great island of Madagascar. But that, from Madagascar to the Marquesas and Easter Island, that is, nearly from the east side of Africa, till we approach towards the west side of America, a space including above half the circumference of the globe, the same nation of the Oriental world should have made their settlements, and founded colonies throughout almost every intermediate stage of this immense tract, in islands at amazing distances from the mother continent, and the natives of which were ignorant of each other's existence; is an historical fact, that, before Captain Cook's voyages, could be but very imperfectly known. He it is who hath discovered a vast number of new spots of land, lurking in the bosom of the South Pacific Ocean, all the inhabitants of which display strik-

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ing evidences of their having derived their descent from one common Asiatic original. Nor is this apparent solely from a similarity of customs and institutions, but is established by a proof which conveys irresistible conviction to the mind, and that is, the affinity of language. The collections that have been made of the words which are used in the widely-diffused islands and countries that have lately been visited, cannot fail, in the hands of such men as a Bryant and a Marsden, to throw much light on the origin of nations, and the peopling of the globe. From Mr. Marsden, in particular, who has devoted his attention, time, and study to this curious subject, the literary world may hereafter expect to be highly instructed and entertained.

There is another family of the earth, concerning which new information has been derived from the voyages of our British navigators. That the Esquimaux, who had hitherto only been found seated on the coasts of Labrador and Hudson's Bay, agreed with the Greenlanders in every circumstance of customs, manners, and language, which could demonstrate an original identity of nation, had already been ascertained. But that the same tribe now actually inhabit the islands and coasts on the west side of North America, opposite Kamtschatka, was a discovery, the completion of which was reserved for Captain Cook. In his narrative it will be seen that these people have extended their migrations to Norton Sound, Oonalashka, and Prince Willi-

am's Sound; that is, to nearly the distance of fifteen hundred leagues from their stations in Greenland, and the coast of Labrador. Nor does this curious fact rest merely on the evidence arising from similitude of manners: for it stands confirmed by a table of words exhibiting such an affinity of language as will remove every doubt from the mind of the most scrupulous enquirer.

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Other questions there are, of a very important nature, the solution of which will now be rendered more easy than hath heretofore been apprehended. From the full confirmation of the vicinity of the two continents of Asia and America, it can no longer be represented as ridiculous to believe, that the former furnished inhabitants to the latter. By the facts recently discovered, a credibility is added to the Mosaic account of the peopling of the earth*. That account will, I doubt not, stand the test of the most learned and rigorous investigation. Indeed, I have long been convinced, after the closest meditation of which I am capable, that sound philosophy and genuine revelation never militate against each other. The rational friends of religion are so far from dreading the spirit of enquiry that they wish for nothing more than a candid, calm, and impartial examination of the subject, according to all the lights which the

* Introduction to the Voyage to the Pacific Ocean, p. lvi — lxxv.

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One great effect of the voyages made under the conduct of Captain Cook, is their having excited a zeal for similar undertakings. Other princes and other nations are engaged in expeditions of navigation and discovery. By order of the French government, Mess. de la Peyrouse and de Langle sailed from Brest, in August, 1785, in the frigates *Bouffole* and *Astrolabe*, on an enterprize, the express purpose of which was the improvement of geography, astronomy, natural history, and philosophy, and to collect accounts of customs and manners. For the more effectual prosecution of the design, several gentlemen were appointed to go out upon the voyage, who were known to excel in different departments of science and literature. M. Dagelet went as astronomer; M. de la Martiniere, P. Recevour, and M. de la Fresne, as naturalists; and the Chevalier de Lamanon, and M. Monges, Junior, as natural philosophers. The officers of the *Bouffole* were men of the best information, and the firmest resolution; and the crew contained a number of artificers, in various kinds of mechanic employments. Marine watches, and other instruments, were provided; and M. Dagelet was particularly directed to make observations with M. Condamine's invariable pendulum, to determine the differences in gravity, and to ascertain the true proportion of the equatorial to the polar diameter of the earth. From

some accounts which have already been received of these voyagers, it appears, that they have explored the coast of California; have adjusted the situation of more than fifty places, almost wholly unknown; and have visited Owhyhee, and the rest of the Sandwich islands*. When the expedition shall be completed, the whole result of it will doubtless be laid before the public.

Although Captain Cook has made such vast discoveries in the Northern Ocean, on and between the east of Asia and the west coast of America, Mr. Coxe has well shewn that there is still room for a farther investigation of that part of the world. Accordingly, the object has been taken up by the Empress of Russia, who has committed the conduct of the enterprize to Captain Billings, an Englishman in her Majesty's service. As Captain Billings was with Captain Cook in his last voyage, he may reasonably be supposed to be properly qualified for the business he has undertaken. The design, with the execution of which he is entrusted, appears to be very extensive and important; and, if it should be crowned with success, cannot fail of making considerable additions to the knowledge of geography and navigation†.

There is one event at home, which has evidently resulted from Captain Cook's discoveries,

* Critical Review, for April, 1788, p. 299 — 302.

† Coxe's Comparative View of the Russian Discoveries, p. 27 — 30.

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While we are considering the advantages the *discoverers* have derived from the late navigations, a question naturally occurs, which is, What benefits have hence accrued to the *discovered*? It would be a source of the highest pleasure to be able to answer this question to compleat satisfaction. But it must be acknowledged, that the subject is not wholly free from doubts and difficulties; and these doubts and difficulties might be enlarged upon, and exaggerated, by an imagination which is rather disposed to contemplate and represent the dark than the luminous aspect of human affairs. In one respect, Mr. Samwell has endeavoured to shew, that the natives of the lately-explored parts of the world, and especially so far as relates to the Sandwich

Islands, were not injured by our people; and it was the constant solicitude and care of Captain Cook, that evil might not be communicated in any one place to which he came. If he was universally successful, the good which, in various cases, he was instrumental in producing, will be reflected upon with the more peculiar satisfaction.

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There is an essential difference between the voyages that have lately been undertaken, and many which have been carried on in former times. None of my readers can be ignorant of the horrid cruelties that were exercised by the conquerors of Mexico and Peru; cruelties which can never be remembered, without blushing for religion and human nature. But to undertake expeditions with a design of civilizing the world, and meliorating its condition, is a noble object. The recesses of the globe were investigated by Captain Cook, not to enlarge private dominion, but to promote general knowledge; the new tribes of the earth were visited as friends; and an acquaintance with their existence was sought for, in order to bring them within the pale of the offices of humanity, and to relieve the wants of their imperfect state of society. Such were the benevolent views which our navigator was commissioned by his Majesty to carry into execution; and there is reason to hope that they will not be wholly unsuccessful. From the long-continued intercourse with the natives of the Friendly, Society, and Sandwich Islands, some

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rays of light must have darted on their infant minds. The uncommon objects which have been presented to their observation, and excited their surprize, will naturally tend to enlarge their stock of ideas, and to furnish new materials for the exercise of their reasonable faculties. It is no small addition to their comforts of life, and their immediate enjoyments, that will be derived from the introduction of our useful animals and vegetables; and if the only benefit they should ever receive from the visits of the English, should be the having obtained fresh means of subsistence, that must be considered as a great acquisition *.

But may not our hopes be extended to still nobler objects? The connexion which has been opened with these remote inhabitants of the world, is the first step toward their improvement; and consequences may flow from it, which are far beyond our present conceptions. Perhaps, our late voyages may be the means appointed by Providence, of spreading, in due time, the blessings of civilization among the numerous tribes of the South Pacific Ocean, and preparing them for holding an honourable rank among the nations of the earth. There cannot be a more laudable attempt, than that of endeavouring to rescue millions of our fellow-creatures from that state of humiliation in which they now exist †. Nothing can more essentially con-

* Introduction, ubi supra, p. lxxv, lxxvi.

† Ibid. p. lxxvii.

tribute to the attainment of this great end, than a wise and rational introduction of the Christian religion; an introduction of it in its genuine simplicity; as holding out the worship of one God, inculcating the purest morality, and promising eternal life as the reward of obedience. These are views of things which are adapted to general comprehension, and calculated to produce the noblest effects.

Considering the eminent abilities displayed by Captain Cook, and the mighty actions performed by him, it is not surprizing that his memory should be held in the highest estimation, both at home and abroad. Perhaps, indeed, greater honour is paid to his name abroad than at home. Foreigners, I am informed, look up to him with an admiration which is not equalled in this country. A remarkable proof of it occurs, in the eulogy of our navigator, by Michael Angelo Gianetti, which was read at the Royal Florentine Academy, on the ninth of June, 1785, and published at Florence, in the same year *. Not having seen it, I am deprived of the power of doing justice to its merit. If I am not mistaken in my recollection, one of the French literary academies has proposed a prize for the best eulogium on Captain Cook; and there can be no doubt but that several candidates will appear upon the occasion, and exert the whole force of their eloquence on so interesting a subject.

* Monthly Review, vol. lxxiii. p. 458.

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To the applauses of our Navigator, which have already been inserted, I cannot avoid adding some poetical testimonies concerning him. The first I shall produce is from a foreign poet, M. l'Abbé de Lifle. This gentleman has concluded his poem, "Les Jardins" with an encomium on Captain Cook, of which the following lines are a translation.

" Give, give me flowers: with garlands of renown
 " Those glorious exiles brows my hands shall crown,
 " Who nobly fought on distant coasts to find,
 " Or thither bore those arts that bless mankind:
 " Thee chief, brave Cook, o'er whom, to nature dear,
 " With Britain Gallia drops the plying tear.
 " To foreign climes and rude, where nought before
 " Announc'd our vessels but their cannon's roar,
 " Far other gifts thy better mind decreed,
 " The sheep, the heifer, and the stately steed;
 " The plough, and all thy country's arts; the crimes
 " Attoning thus of earlier savage times.
 " With peace each land thy bark was wont to hail,
 " And tears and blessings fill'd thy parting sail
 " Receive a stranger's praise, nor, Britain, thou
 " Forbid these wreaths to grace thy Hero's brow,
 " Nor scorn the tribute of a foreign song,
 " For Virtue's sons to every land belong:
 " And shall the Gallic Muse disdain to pay
 " The meed of worth, when Lewis leads the way?
 " But what avail'd, that twice thou dar'dst to try

- " The frost-bound sea, and twice the burning sky,
 " That by winds, waves, and every realm rever'd,
 " Safe, only safe, thy sacred vessel steer'd;
 " That war for thee forgot its dire commands?
 " The world's great friend, ah! bleeds by savage hands *."

There have not been wanting elegant writers of our own country, who have embraced with pleasure the opportunities that have offered of paying a tribute of praise to Captain Cook. The ingenious and amiable Miss Hannah More has lately seized an occasion of celebrating the humane intentions of the Captain's discoveries.

- " Had those advent'rous spirits who explore
 " Thro' ocean's trackless wastes, the far-sought shore,
 " Whether of wealth insatiate, or of power,
 " Conquerors who waste, or ruffians who devour:
 " Had these possess'd, o Cook! thy gentle mind,
 " Thy love of arts, thy love of human-kind;
 " Had these pursu'd thy mild and lib'ral plan,
 " DISCOVERERS had not been a curse to man!
 " Then, bless'd Philanthropy! thy social hands
 " Had link'd dissever'd worlds in brothers bands;
 " Careless, if colour, or if clime divide;
 " Then lov'd, and loving, man had liv'd, and died †."

* Gentleman's Magazine, Vol. liii. p. 1044, 1045. The above translation was made by Mr. William Jackson of Canterbury. — In the same Magazine, p. 1034, 1035, is the original French.

† SLAVERY, a Poem.

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Soon after the account arrived in England of Captain Cook's decease, two poems were published in celebration of his memory; one of which was an Ode, by a Mr. Fitzgerald, of Gray's-Inn. But the first, both in order of time and of merit, was an Elegy, by Miss Seward, whose poetical talents have been displayed in many beautiful instances to the public. This lady, in the beginning of her Poem, has admirably represented the principle of humanity by which the Captain was actuated in his undertakings.

“ Ye, who ere while for COOK's illustrious brow
 “ Pluck'd the green laurel, and the oaken bough,
 “ Hung the gay garlands on the trophied oars,
 “ And pour'd his fame along a thousand shores,
 “ Strike the slow death-bell! — weave the sacred verse,
 “ And strew the cypress o'er his honor'd hearse;
 “ In sad procession wander round the shrine,
 “ And weep him mortal, whom ye sung divine!
 “ Say first, what Pow'r inspir'd his dauntless breast
 “ With scorn of danger, and inglorious rest,
 “ To quit imperial London's gorgeous plains,
 “ Where, rob'd in thousand tints, bright pleasure reigns?—
 “ What Pow'r inspir'd his dauntless breast to brave
 “ The scorch'd Equator, and th' Antarctic wave?
 “ Climes, where fierce suns in cloudless ardors shine,
 “ And pour the dazzling deluge round the Line;
 “ The realms of frost, where icy mountains rise,
 “ 'Mid the pale summer of the polar skies? —

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" IT WAS HUMANITY! — on coasts unknown,
 " The shiv'ring natives of the frozen zone,
 " And the swart Indian, as he faintly strays
 " ' Where Cancer reddens in the solar blaze,'
 " She bade him seek; — on each inclement shore
 " Plant the rich seeds of her exhaustless store;
 " Unite the savage hearts, and hostile hands,
 " In the firm compact of her gentle bands;
 " Strew her soft comforts o'er the barren plain,
 " Sing her sweet lays, and consecrate her fane.
 " IT WAS HUMANITY! — O Nymph divine!
 " I see thy light step print the burning Line!
 " There thy bright eye the dubious pilot guides,
 " The faint oar struggling with the scalding tides. —
 " On as thou lead'st the bold, the glorious prow,
 " Mild, and more mild, the sloping sun-beams glow;
 " Now weak and pale the lessen'd lustres play,
 " As round th' horizon rolls the timid day;
 " Barb'd with the fleeted snow, the driving hail,
 " Rush the fierce arrows of the polar gale;
 " And thro' the dim, unvaried, ling'ring hours,
 " Wide o'er the waves incumbent horror low'rs."

Captain Cook's endeavours to serve the inhabitants of New Zealand, by the vegetables and animals he left among them, are thus described.

" To these the Hero leads his living store,
 " And pours new wonders on th' uncultur'd shore;
 " The silky fleece, fair fruit, and golden grain;
 " And future herds and harvests bless the plain.

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" O'er the green foil his Kids exulting play,
 " And founds his clarion loud the bird of day;
 " The downy Goose her ruffled bosom laves,
 " Trims her white wing, and wantons in the waves;
 " Stern moves the Bull along th' affrighted shores,
 " And countless nations tremble as he roars."

I shall only add the pathetic and animated conclusion of this fine Poem.

" But ah!—aloft on Albion's rocky steep;
 " That frowns incumbent o'er the boiling deep,
 " Solicitous, and sad, a softer form
 " Eyes the lone flood, and deprecates the storm.—
 " Ill-fated matron!—for, alas! in vain
 " Thy eager glances wander o'er the main!—
 " 'Tis the vex'd billows, that insurgent rave,
 " Their white foam silvers yonder distant wave,
 " 'Tis not his sails!—thy husband comes no more!
 " His bones now whiten an accursed shore!—
 " Retire,—for heark! the sea-gull shrieking soars,
 " The lurid atmosphere portentous low'rs;
 " Night's sullen spirit groans in ev'ry gale,
 " And o'er the waters draws the darkling veil,
 " Sighs in thy hair, and chills thy throbbing breast—
 " Go, wretched mourner!—weep thy griefs to rest!
 " Yet, tho' through life is lost each fond delight,
 " Tho' set thy earthly sun in dreary night,
 " Oh! raise thy thoughts to yonder starry plain,
 " And own thy sorrow selfish, weak, and vain:

" Since, while Britannia, to his virtues just,
 " Twines the bright wreath, and rears th' immortal bust;
 " While on each wind of heav'n his fame shall rise,
 " In endless incense to the smiling skies;
 " THE ATTENDANT POWER, that bade his sails expand,
 " And waft her blessings to each barren land,
 " Now raptur'd bears him to th' immortal plains,
 " Where Mercy hails him with congenial strains;
 " Where soars, on Joy's white plume, his spirit free,
 " And angels choir him, while he waits for THEE.

Captain Cook's discoveries, among other effects, have opened new scenes for a poetical fancy to range in, and presented new images to the selection of genius and taste. The Morais, in particular, of the inhabitants of the South Sea Islands, afford a fine subject for the exercise of a plaintive muse. Such a muse hath seized upon the subject; and, at the same time, has added another wreath to the memory of our navigator. I refer to a lady, who hath already, in many passages of her "Peru," in her "Ode on the Peace," and, above all, in her "Irregular Fragment," amply proved to the world, that she possesses not only the talent of elegant and harmonious versification, but the spirit of true poetry. The poem, which I have now the pleasure of giving for the first time to the public, and which was written at my request, will be found in the Appendix *. It is somewhat remarkable,

* Vide Appendix, N° II.

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that female poets have hitherto been the chief celebrators of Captain Cook in this country. Perhaps a subject which would furnish materials for as rich a production as Camoen's *Lusiad*, and which would adorn the pen of a Hayley or a Cowper, may hereafter call forth the genius of some poet of the stronger sex.

The Royal Society of London could not lose such a member of their body as Captain Cook, without being anxious to honour his name and memory by a particular mark of respect. Accordingly, it was resolved to do this by a medal; and a voluntary subscription was opened for the purpose. To such of the fellows of the Society as subscribed twenty guineas, a gold medal was appropriated; silver medals were assigned to those who contributed a smaller sum; and to each of the other members one in bronze was given. The subscribers of twenty guineas were Sir Joseph Banks, President; the Prince of Anspach, the Duke of Montagu, Lord Mulgrave, and Messieurs Cavendish, Peachey, Perrin, Poli, and Shuttleworth. Many designs, as might be expected, were proposed upon the occasion. The medal which was actually struck, contains, on one side, the head of Captain Cook in profile, and round it, JAC. COOK OCEANI INVESTIGATOR ACERRIMUS; and on the exergue, REG. SOC. LOND. SOCIO SUO. On the reverse is a representation of Britannia, holding a globe. Round her is inscribed, NIL INTENTATUM NOSTRI LIQUERE; and on the exergue, AUSPICIIS GEORGII III.

Of the gold medals which were struck on this occasion, one was presented to his Majesty, another to the Queen, and a third to the Prince of Wales. Two were sent abroad: the first to the French King, on account of the protection he had granted to the ships under the command of Captain Cook; and a second to the Empress of Russia, in whose dominions the same ships had been received and treated with every degree of friendship and kindness. Both these presents were highly acceptable to the great personages to whom they were transmitted. The French King expressed his satisfaction in a very handsome letter to the Royal Society, signed by himself, and undersigned by the Marquis de Vergennes; and the Empress of Russia commissioned Count Osterman to signify to Mr. Fitzherbert the sense she entertained of the value of and the present, that she had caused it to be forthwith deposited in the Museum of the Imperial Academy of Sciences. As a farther testimony of the pleasure she derived from it, the Empress presented to the Royal Society a large and beautiful gold medal, containing on one side the effigies of herself, and on the reverse a representation of the statue of Peter the Great.

After the general assignment of the medals, (which took place in the spring of the year 1784) there being a surplus of money still remaining, the President and Council resolved that an additional number should be struck off in gold, to be disposed of as presents to Mrs. Cook, the Earl of Sandwich, Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Dr.

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During the two visits of the Resolution and Discovery at Kamtschatka, it was from Colonel Behm, the Commandant of that province, that the ships, and the officers and men belonging to them, had received every kind of assistance which it was in his power to bestow. His liberal and hospitable behaviour to the English navigators, is related at large in Captain King's Voyage. Such was the sense entertained of it by the Lords of the Admiralty, that they determined to make a present to the Colonel of a magnificent piece of plate, with an inscription expressive of his humane and generous disposition and conduct. The elegant pen of Dr. Cooke was employed in drawing up the inscription, which, after it had been subjected to the opinion and correction of some gentlemen of the first eminence in classical taste, was as follows:

"VIRO EGREGIO MAGNO DE BEHM; qui Imperatricis Augustissimæ Catharinæ auspiciis,
 "summâque animi benignitate, secula, quibus
 "præerat, Kamtschatkæ littora, navibus nauticis
 "que Britannicis, hospita præbuit: colque, in ter-

* From the books of the Royal Society, and papers in the possession of Sir Joseph Banks.

“ minis, si qui essent Imperio Russico, frustra, CHAP.
 “ explorandis, mala multa perpeffos, iteratâ vice VIII.
 “ exceptit, refecit, recreavit, et com meatu omni
 “ cumulatè auctos dimisit; REI NAVALIS BRI-
 “ TANNICÆ SEPTEMVIRI in aliquam benevolentiae
 “ tam insignis memoriam, amicissimo, gratissimo-
 “ que animo, suo, patriæque nomine, D.D.D.
 M.CC.LXXXI *.”

Sir Hugh Palliser, who, through life, manifested an invariable regard and friendship for Captain Cook, has displayed a signal instance, since the Captain's decease, of the affection and esteem in which he holds his memory. At his estate in Buckinghamshire, Sir Hugh hath constructed a small building, on which he has erected a pillar, containing the fine character of our great Navigator that is given at the end of the Introduction to the last Voyage, and the principal part of which has been inserted in the present work. This character was drawn up by a most respectable gentleman, who has long been at the head of the naval profession; the honourable Admiral Forbes, Admiral of the Fleet, and General of Marines; to whom Captain Cook was only known by his eminent merit and his extraordinary actions †.

Amidst the numerous testimonies of regard that have been paid to Captain Cook's merits and

* From papers in the possession of Sir Joseph Banks.

† From the information of Sir Hugh Palliser.

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 VIII. his family hath not been forgotten. Soon after
 the intelligence arrived of his unfortunate decease,
 this matter was taken up by the Lords of the
 Admiralty, with a zeal and an effect, which
 the following authentic document will fully
 display.

“ At the Court at St. James’s, the
 “ (L. S.) “ 2d of February 1780;

“ Present,

“ The KING’s Most Excellent Majesty in
 Council.

“ Whereas there was this day read, at the Board,
 “ a memorial from the Right Honourable the
 “ Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated
 “ the 27th of last month, in the words follow-
 “ ing; viz.

“ Having received an authentic account of
 “ the death of that great Navigator, Captain Ja-
 “ mes Cook, who has had the honour of being
 “ employed by Your Majesty in three different
 “ voyages, for the discovery of unknown coun-
 “ tries, in the most distant parts of the globe;
 “ we think it our duty humbly to represent to
 “ Your Majesty, that this meritorious officer,
 “ after having received from Your Majesty’s
 “ gracious benevolence, as a reward for his pub-
 “ lic services in two successful circumnaviga-

" tions, a comfortable and honourable retreat,
 " where he might have lived many years to be-
 " nefit his family, he voluntarily relinquished
 " that ease and emolument to undertake another
 " of these voyages of discovery, in which the
 " life of a Commander, who does his duty, must
 " always be particularly exposed, and in which,
 " in the execution of that duty, he fell, leaving
 " his family, whom his public spirit had led him
 " to abandon, as a legacy to his country. We
 " do therefore humbly propose, that Your Ma-
 " jesty will be graciously pleased to order a pen-
 " sion of two hundred pounds a year to be set-
 " tled on the widow, and twenty-five pounds
 " a year upon each of the three sons of the said
 " Captain James Cook, and that the same be
 " placed on the ordinary estimate of the navy.
 " His Majesty, taking the said memorial into
 " His Royal consideration, was pleased, with the
 " advice of His privy council, to order, as it is
 " hereby ordered, that a pension of two hundred
 " pounds a year be settled on the widow, and
 " twenty-five pounds a year upon each of the
 " three sons of the said Captain James Cook, and
 " that the same be placed on the ordinary estimate
 " of His Majesty's navy; and the Lords Com-
 " missioners of the Admiralty are to give the ne-
 " cessary directions herein accordingly.

" W. FAWKENER.

The preceding memorial to the King was signed

CHAP. by the Earl of Sandwich, Mr. Buller, the Earl of
VIII. Lisburne, Mr. Penton, Lord Mulgrave, and Mr. Mann; and the several officers of the Board of Admiralty seconded the ardour of their superiors, by the speed and generosity with which his Majesty's royal grant to Captain Cook's widow and children passed through the usual forms *.

Another occasion was afterwards seized of conferring a substantial benefit on the Captain's family. The charts and plates, belonging to the Voyage to the Pacific Ocean, were provided at the expence of Government; the consequence of which was, that a large profit accrued from the sale of the publication. Of this profit, half was consigned, in trust, to Sir Hugh Palliser and Mr. Stephens, to be applied to the use of Mrs. Cook, during her natural life, and afterwards to be divided between her children †.

Honour, as well as emolument, hath graciously been conferred by his Majesty upon the descendants of Captain Cook. On the third of September 1785, a coat of arms was granted to the family, of which a description will be given below **.

* From the information of Sir Joseph Banks.

† A fourth was allotted to Captain King, and the remaining fourth to Mr. Blyth, and to the representatives of Captain Clerke. Mr. Anderson's representatives had previously been gratified.

** Azure, between the two polar stars Or, a sphere on the plane of the meridian, north-pole elevated, circles of latitude for every ten degrees, and of longitude for every fifteen, shewing the Pacific Ocean between sixty and two

Our Navigator had six children; James, Nathaniel, Elizabeth, Joseph, George, and Hugh. Of these, Joseph and George died soon after their birth, and Elizabeth in the fifth year of her age. James, the eldest son, who was born at St. Paul's, Shadwell, on the thirteenth of October 1763, is now a lieutenant in his Majesty's navy. In a letter, written by Admiral Sir Richard Hughes, in 1785, from Granada, to Mrs. Cook, he is spoken of in terms of high approbation. Nathaniel, who was born on the fourteenth of December 1764, at Mile-end Old Town, was brought up, likewise, in the naval service, and was unfortunately lost on board his Majesty's ship *Thunderer*, Commodore Walsingham, in the hurricane which happened at Jamaica on the third of October 1780. He is said to have been a most promising youth. Hugh, the youngest, was born on the twenty-second of May 1776; and was so called after the name of his father's great friend, Sir Hugh Palliser*.

It hath often been mentioned, in terms of no small regret, that a monument hath not yet been

hundred and forty west, bounded on one side by America, on the other by Asia and New Holland, in memory of the discoveries made by him in that ocean, so very far beyond all former navigators. His track thereon is marked with red lines. And for crest, on a wreath of the colours, is an arm imbowed, vested in the uniform of a captain of the royal navy. In the hand is the union jack, on a staff Proper. The arm is encircled by a wreath of palm and laurel.

* From the information of Mrs. Cook.

CHAP. erected to the memory of Captain Cook, in
VIII. Westminster Abbey. The wish and the hope of
such a monument are hinted at in the close of the
Bishop of Carlisle's Introduction, so often referred
to; and the same sentiment is expressed by the
author of the Eulogium, at the end of that In-
troduction. Sir Hugh Palliser has also spoken to
the like purpose, in a communication I received
from him. It would certainly redound to the
honour of the nation, to order a magnificent
memorial of the abilities and services of our il-
lustrious Navigator; on which account, a tribute
of that kind may be regarded as a desirable thing.
But a monument in Westminster Abbey would
be of little consequence to the reputation of Cap-
tain Cook. His fame stands upon a wider base,
and will survive the comparatively perishing ma-
terials of brass, or stone, or marble. The name
of Cook will be held in honour, and recited
with applause, so long as the records of human
events shall continue in the earth: nor is it pos-
sible to say, what may be the influence and
rewards, which, in other worlds, shall be found
to attend upon eminent examples of wisdom and
of virtue.

APPENDIX N^o 1.

IN page 273, it is mentioned, that a farther account of Captain King would be given in the Appendix. This was said in a reliance upon my receiving answers to several questions with which I had waited upon the Reverend Mr. King, Preacher to the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn. As this Gentleman has not favoured me with the communication I expected (perhaps from some unavoidable hindrances), I am precluded from paying that additional tribute to the memory of his brother which I wished to have done.

APPENDIX, N^o 2.

THE MORAI, AN ODE.

By Miss HELEN MARIA WILLIAMS.

FAIR Otaheite, fondly blest
 By him, who long was doom'd to brave
 The fury of the polar wave,
 That fiercely mounts the frozen rock
 Where the harsh sea-bird rears her nest,
 And learns the raging furge to mock—
 There, Night, that loves eternal storm,
 Deep, and lengthen'd darkness throws,
 And untried Danger's doubtful form
 Its half-seen horror shows!
 While Nature, with a look so wild,
 Leans on the cliffs in chaos pil'd;
 That here, the aw'd, astonish'd mind,
 Forgets, in that o'erwhelming hour
 When her rude hands the storms unbind
 In all the madness of her power,
 That she who spreads the savage gloom,
 That *she* can dress in melting grace,

In sportive Summer's lavish bloom,
The awful terrors of her face;
And wear the sweet perennial smile
That charms in Otaheite's isle.

Yet, amid her fragrant bowers,
Where spring, whose dewy fingers strew
O'er other lands some fleeting flowers,
Lives, in blossoms ever new;
Whence arose that shriek of pain?
Whence the tear that flows in vain? —
Death! thy unrelenting hand
Tears some transient, human band —
Eternity! rich plant, that blows
Beneath a brighter, happier sky,
Time is a fading branch, that grows
On thy pure stem, and blooms to die.

What art thou, Death? — terrific shade,
In unpierc'd gloom array'd! —
Oft will daring Fancy stray
Far in the central wastes, where Night
Divides no chearing hour with Day,
And unnam'd horrors meet her sight;
There thy form she dimly sees,
And round the shape unfinish'd throws
All her frantic vision shews
When numbing fears her spirit freeze —

But can mortal voice declare
If Fancy paints thee as thou art?
Thy aspect may a terror wear
Her pencil never shall impart;
The eye that once on thee shall gaze
No more its stiffen'd orb can raise;
The lips that could thy power reveal
Shall lasting silence instant seal —
In vain the icy hand we fold,
In vain the breast with tears we steep,
The heart that shar'd each pang, is cold,
The vacant eye no more can weep.

Yet from the shore where Ganges rolls
His wave beneath the torrid ray,
To earth's chill verge, where o'er the poles
Fall the last beams of ling'ring day,
For ever sacred are the dead!
Sweet Fancy comes in Sorrow's aid,
And bids the mourner lightly tread
Where th' insensate clay is laid;
Bids partial gloom the sod invest
By the mould'ring relics prest;
Then lavish strews, with sad delight,
Whate'er her consecrating power
Reveres, of herb, or fruit, or flower,
And fondly weaves the various rite.

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See! o'er Otaheite's plain
 Moves the long, funereal train;
 Slow the pallid corse they bear,
 Oft they breathe the solemn prayer:
 Where the ocean bathes the land
 Thrice, and thrice, with pious hand,
 The priest when high the billow springs,
 From the wave unsullied, flings
 Waters pure, that sprinkled near
 Sanctify the hallow'd bier:
 But never may one drop profane
 The relics with forbidden stain!
 Now around the fun'ral shrine
 Led in mystic mazes, twine
 Garlands, where the plantain weaves
 With the palm's luxuriant leaves;
 And o'er each sacred knot is spread
 The plant devoted to the dead.

Five pale moons with trembling light
 Shall gaze upon the lengthen'd rite;
 Shall see distracted Beauty tear
 The tresses of her flowing hair;
 Those shining locks, no longer dear,
 She wildly scatters o'er the bier;
 And careless gives the frequent wound
 That bathes in precious blood the ground

When along the western sky
Day's reflected colours die,
And Twilight rules the doubtful hour
Ere slow-pac'd Night resumes her power;
Mark the cloud that lingers still
Darkly, on the hanging hill!
There the disembodied Mind
Hears, upon the hollow wind,
In unequal cadence thrown,
Sorrow's oft-repeated moan: —
Still some human passions sway
The spirit late immers'd in clay;
Still the faithful sigh is dear,
Still belov'd the fruitless tear!

Five waning moons, with wand'ring light,
Have past the shadowy bound of night,
And mingled their departing ray
With the soft fires of early day;
Let the last, sad rite be paid
Grateful to the conscious Shade:
Let the priest, with pious care,
Now the wasted relics bear
Where the Morai's awful gloom
Shrouds the venerable tomb;
Let the plantain lift its head,
Cherish'd emblem of the dead;

Slow and solemn, o'er the grave,
 Let the twisted plumage wave,
 Symbol hallow'd, and divine,
 Of the God who guards the shrine.—
 Hark!—that shriek of strange despair
 Never shall disturb the air,
 Never, never shall it rise
 But for Nature's broken ties!—
 Bright crescent! that with lucid smile
 Gild'st the Morai's lofty pile,
 Whose broad lines of shadow throw
 A gloomy horror far below;
 Witness, O recording moon!
 All the rites are duly done;
 Be the faithful tribute o'er,
 The hov'ring Spirit asks no more!
 Mortals, cease the pile to tread,
 Leave to silence, leave the dead.

But where may she who loves to stray
 Mid shadows of funereal gloom,
 And courts the sadness of the tomb,
 Where may she seek that proud Morai
 Whose dear memorial points the place
 Where fell the Friend of human race?—
 Ye lonely Isles! On ocean's bound
 Ye bloom'd, thro' time's long flight unknown,

Till Cook the untrack'd billow past,
Till he along the furies cast
Philanthropy's connecting zone,
And spread her loveliest blessings round. —
Not like that murd'rous band he came,
Who stain'd with blood the new-found West;
Nor as, with unrelenting breast,
From Britain's free, enlighten'd land,
Her sons now seek Angola's strand;
Each tie most sacred to unbind,
To load with chains a brother's frame,
And plunge a dagger in the mind;
Mock the sharp anguish bleeding there
Of Nature in her last despair!

Great Cook! Ambition's lofty flame,
So oft directed to destroy,
Led *Thee* to circle with thy name,
The smile of love, and hope, and joy!
Those fires that lend the dang'rous blaze
The devious comet trails afar,
Might form the pure, benignant rays
That gild the morning's gentle star —
Sure, where the Hero's ashes rest,
The nations late emerg'd from night
Still haste — with love's unwearied care:

That spot in lavish flowers is drest,
And fancy's dear, inventive site
Still paid with fond observance there!

Ah no! — around his fatal grave
No lavish flowers were ever strew'd,
No votive gifts were ever laid —
His blood a savage shore bedew'd!
His mangled limbs, one hasty prayer,
One pious tear by friendship paid,
Were cast upon the raging wave!
Deep in the wild abyss he lies,
Far from the cherish'd scene of home;
Far, far from Her whose faithful sighs
A husband's trackless course pursue;
Whose tender fancy loves to roam
With *Him* o'er lands and oceans new;
And gilds with Hope's deluding form
The gloomy path-way of the storm.

Yet, Cook! immortal wreaths are thine! —
While Albion's grateful toil shall raise
The marble tomb, the trophied bust,
For ages faithful to its trust;
While, eager to record thy praise,
She bids the Muse of History twine
The chaplet of undying fame,

And tell each polish'd land thy worth;
The ruder natives of the earth
Shall oft repeat thy honour'd name;
While infants catch the frequent sound,
And learn to lisp the oral tale;
Whose fond remembrance shall prevail
Till Time has reach'd his destin'd bound.

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